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*Town Reports*

1974



ANNUAL REPORTS  
*of the*  
Town Officers  
*of*  
Francestown, N. H.  
*for the*  
*Year Ending December 31, 1974*

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## TOWN OFFICERS — 1974

### Elected

Moderator: — Harold A. Varnum

Town Clerk: — Herman C. Miller

Town Treasurer: — Herman C. Miller

Selectmen: — Walter Dodge, R. Franklin Mace,  
O. Alan Thulander

Tax Collector: — Catherine H. Abbott

Supervisors of Check List: — Israel Vadney, Jr., Nellie  
Abbott, Eula Hardwick

Road Agent: — Robert Foote

Overseer of Public Welfare: — R. Franklin Mace

Trustees of Trust Funds: —

Harold A. Varnum	Expires 1975
Clifton Foote	Expires 1976
F. Russell Abbott	Expires 1977

Firewards: — Clifton F. Foote, Lawrence Kullgren,  
Richard F. Leavitt, Norman Muzzey, Charles J. Brien

Library Trustees: —

Priscilla Kunhardt	Expires 1975
Constance Dodge	Expires 1976
Elizabeth Wiederhold	Expires 1977

Cemetery Commissioners: —

Lois Leavitt	Expires 1975
Kris Stewart	Expires 1976
Constance Bicknell	Expires 1977

## Town Officers — Appointed

### Planning Board: —

John Schott	Expires 1975
Robert Cloutier	Expires 1975
Ernest Poore	Expires 1976
Royal Cleaves	Expires 1977
Blake Tewksbury	Expires 1978
Philip Ireland, Chmn.	Expires 1979
R. Franklin Mace, Ex-officio	

### Board of Adjustment: —

Robert Duncan	Expires 1975
F. Russell Abbott	Expires 1976
Donald Pettee	Expires 1977
Harold A. Varnum	Expires 1978
Clifton Foote	Expires 1979

Board of Highway Safety: — Donald Hoyt, Norman Muzzey,  
John Thomas, O. Alan Thulander, Louis Wiederhold

Police Officers: — Robert Stack (resigned and replaced by  
John Thomas), Acting Chief; Lawrence Kullgren,  
Peter Flood, Roy Burden

Historian: — Constance Dodge

Civil Defense: — Charles F. Brien

### Conservation Commission: —

Patricia Place	Expires 1975
James O. Mahoney	Expires 1975
Lisel Gilman	Expires 1976
Donough Prince	Expires 1976
Priscilla Kunhardt	Expires 1977
Ashley Prest	Expires 1977
R. Franklin Mace	Expires 1978

Ballot Inspectors: — Winifred Hoyt, Shirley Jones, Gladys  
Vadney, Gladys St. John

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

**Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year  
January 1, 1975 to December 31, 1975  
or for the Fiscal Year from January 1, 1975 to December 31, 1975.**

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Approp. Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Expend. Previous Fiscal Year	Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year 1975
<b>General Government:</b>			
Town officers' salaries	\$2,800.00	\$2,331.00	\$2,500.00
Town officers' expenses	3,300.00	3,585.00	3,600.00
Election & registration expenses	300.00	313.00	250.00
Town hall & other town buildings	2,200	1,789.00	2,000.00
Employees' retirement & social security	800.00	1,406.00	1,000.00
<b>Protection of Persons &amp; Property:</b>			
Police department	3,000.00	4,240.00	6,900.00
Fire department	2,610.00	2,772.00	3,330.00
Care of trees	100.00	180.00	150.00
Insurance	3,800.00	3,910.00	3,950.00
Planning & zoning	550.00	572.00	300.00
Damages & legal expense	1,000.00	1,883.00	1,000.00
<b>Health Dept. (Incl. Hospitals &amp; Ambulance)</b>			
	700.00	745.00	755.00
Vital statistics	10.00	19.00	15.00
Sewer maintenance			
Town dump & garbage removal	1,500.00	1,236.00	750.00
<b>Highways &amp; Bridges:</b>			
Town Maint. — Summer & winter	55,428.00	57,800.00	61,000.00
Street lighting	850.00	847.00	1,000.00
General expenses of highway dept.	3,000.00	3,108.00	4,500.00
Town road aid	1,180.00	1,180.00	1,175.00
<b>Libraries:</b>	5,329.00	5,329.00	7,676.00
<b>Public Welfare:</b>			
Old age assistance	775.00	955.00	900.00
<b>Conservation Commission</b>	150.00	300.00	150.00
<b>Public Service Enterprises:</b>			
Municipal water — electric utilities			
Cemeteries	300.00	300.00	300.00
Advertising & regional associations	546.00	446.00	577.00
<b>Debt Service:</b>			
Principal & long term notes & bonds	6,000.00	6,000.00	7,000.00
Interest — long term notes & bonds	1,004.00	1,009.00	1,117.00
Interest on temporary loans	1,500.00	2,297.00	2,200.00
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$98,732.00</b>		<b>\$114,095.00</b>

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year 1975
<b>From State:</b>			
Interest & dividends tax	\$39,923.00	\$39,923.00	\$39,000.00
Savings bank tax	1,644.00	1,644.00	1,600.00
Meals & rooms tax	3,200.00	4,186.00	4,200.00
Highway subsidy (Cl. IV & V)	21,914.00	22,428.00	22,349.00
Reimbursement a-c business profits tax (Town Portion)	2,327.00	2,326.00	2,300.00
<b>From Local Sources:</b>			
Dog licenses	450.00	487.00	490.00
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	125.00	348.00	50.00
Motor vehicle permit fees	11,000.00	11,572.00	11,000.00
Interest on taxes & deposits	600.00	1,829.00	1,200.00
Withdrawal capital reserve funds	5,141.00	5,141.00	
Resident taxes retained	3,750.00	4,324.00	4,000.00
Normal yield taxes assessed	1,900.00	1,922.00	2,200.00
Rent of town property	400.00	100.00	100.00
<b>From Federal Sources:</b>			
Revenue sharing	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total Revenues from all Sources except Property Taxes			90,489.00



# TOWN WARRANT

## The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Francestown in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in Francestown on Tuesday, the fourth day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year coming.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow a sufficient sum of money to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes, or take any action relating thereto.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for future replacement of fire trucks, or take any other action relating thereto.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for future replacement of Fire Department Radio Equipment, or take any other action relating thereto.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Eighty-eight Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$288.50) to reimburse the Volunteer Fire Company for the purchase of the new Encoder which had to be installed in 1974, or take any other action relating thereto.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Sixty Dollars (\$360.00) to be spent for protective clothing for volunteer firemen, or take any other action relating thereto.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Five Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$5,400.00) for removal of trash to the Bennington Landfill Site, or take any other action relating thereto.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) to defray expenses for maintenance of the present Town Dump site and trash collection area, or take any other action relating thereto.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to defray cost of exterminating rodents and pests and to provide suitable fill cover at the Town Dump, or take any other action relating thereto.

11. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to pay the Town's proportion of the operating cost of the Bennington dump as specified in the Bennington-Antrim-Francestown dump contract, or take any other action relating thereto.

12. To see if the Town will vote to re-open and maintain the so-called Campbell Hill Road commencing at one hundred feet beyond the property of Donald and Linda Abbott and extending to one hundred feet beyond the property of Arthur Buzzell, or take any other action relating thereto.

13. To see if the Town will vote to apply any remaining funds appropriated and unexpended to the repairs of the Bixby Dam to the removal of brush and trees below the dam and the improvement and increased safety of Town property immediately surrounding the dam site, or take any other action relating thereto.

14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) plus interest from July 1973 to date from Capital Reserve Fund, New Cemetery Sales. Said sum to be used to establish Lawrence Kullgren Cemetery Fund, or take any other action relating thereto.

15. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following individual Trust Funds:

A. For perpetual care of cemetery lots in the respective names of: Everett D. Phillips, Archibald Cullens, The Lord Family and Esther Whittemore.

B. Charles and Marion Vose Library Fund, or take any other action relating thereto.

16. To see if the Town will vote to allocate a sum not to exceed \$3,500.00 of funds already received or expected to be received from Revenue Sharing to effect repairs to the exterior of the George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library as recommended by a recent engineering survey, or take any other action relating thereto.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred and Two Dollars (\$802.00) to support the services of the Monadnock Community Visiting Nurses Association, Inc., or take any other action relating thereto.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Sixty-five Dollars (\$365.00) to support the services of the Monadnock Family Mental Health Services, or take any other action relating thereto.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund to establish a Trust Fund for the future erection or purchase of a Town Library building, or take any other action relating thereto.

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for the future replacement of the Police Department cruiser, or take any other action relating thereto.

21. To see if the Town will vote that there will be no fees charged a resident or non-resident taxpayer of Frances-town for any purpose unless such a fee has been established and approved by a legal Town Meeting or such fee is specifically allowed by New Hampshire General Statutes, this article to remain in effect until rescinded by vote of the Town, or take any other action relating thereto.

22. To see if the Town will vote to reimburse all who have paid the fee charged by the Selectmen for the Town permit for dump and beach use and that said permits will be furnished at no charge to all resident and non-resident taxpayers of the Town of Frances-town until this article is rescinded by vote of the Town, or take any other action relating thereto.

23. To see if the Town will vote to grant site plan review authority to the Planning Board in accordance with RSA 36:19a. This will provide the Town with an opportunity to review and approve or disapprove plans for non-residential development, or take any other action relating thereto.

24. To see if the Town agrees to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program by directing the Board of Selectmen to complete the eligibility application and submit the required information to the Federal Insurance Administration, or take any other action relating thereto. Such information includes the following resolutions (summarized):

### **Resolution A.**

The community recognizes that there are flood areas in the community; that federally subsidized flood insurance is available; that Town Meeting intends to evaluate land use in these areas; and that Town Meeting has the authority to enact appropriate land use control measures.

The Town Meeting resolves that assurances be given to the Federal Insurance Administration that the community will enact and enforce necessary land use control measures; that municipal officials and boards will be authorized to deal with the appropriate governmental agencies and private firms; and that elevations of buildings will be recorded when required.

### **Resolution B-1.**

The community recognizes that regulations governing building construction in flood hazard areas have been enacted and are enforced.

The Town Meeting recommends that the Planning Board require all proposals for their approval that are in flood hazard areas be designed to minimize or eliminate flood damage and that the Planning Board require new or replacement water supply/sewage disposal systems be designed to eliminate or minimize flood damage.

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this thirtieth day of January, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-five.

WALTER C. DODGE

R. FRANKLIN MACE

O. ALAN THULANDER

Selectmen of Francestown

A true Copy of Warrant — Attent:

WALTER C. DODGE

R. FRANKLIN MACE

O. ALAN THULANDER

Selectmen of Francestown

# TOWN MEETING

## TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN, N. H.

March 5, 1974

### Article 1. Town Officers Elected:

Town Clerk: Herman C. Miller  
 Town Treasurer: Herman C. Miller  
 Selectman for 3 years: O. Alan Thulander  
 Highway Agent: Robert M. Foote  
 Library Trustee for 3 years: Elizabeth P. Wiederhold  
 Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years: F. Russell Abbott  
 Cemetery Commissioner for 3 years: Constance I. Bicknell  
 Firewards: Charles J. Brien, Clifton F. Foote, Lawrence  
           R. Kullgren, Richard F. Leavitt, Norman C. Muzzey  
 Overseer of Public Welfare: R. Franklin Mace

### Article 2. Budget:

Town Officers Salaries	\$ 2,800 00
Town Officers' Expenses	3,300 00
Election & Registration Expenses	300 00
Town Hall & other Town Bldgs.	2,200 00
Employees' Retirement & Soc. Sec.	800 00
Police Department	3,000 00
Fire Department	2,610 00
Care of Trees	100 00
Insurance	3,800 00
Planning & Zoning	550 00
Damages & Legal Expense	1,000 00
Vital Statistics	10 00
Ambulance	700 00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	1,500 00
Town Maint. — Summer & Winter	55,427 70
Street Lighting	850 00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	3,000 00
Town Road Aid	1,179 79
Libraries	5,329 12
Town Poor	—
Old Age Assistance	775 00
Cemeteries	300 00

Advertising & Regional Assoc.	546 00
Principal & Long Term Notes & Bonds	6,000 00
Interest — Long Term Notes & Bonds	1,004 11
Interest on Temporary Loans	1,500 00

Article 3. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to borrow a sufficient sum of money to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes.

Article 4. Voted to accept Federal matching funds in the amount of \$3,850.00 to be applied to repairs to the Bixby Pond Dam and approve the withdrawal of \$4,413.78 plus accumulated interest from Trust Funds for the same purpose.

Article 5. Voted to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$3,000.00 and allocate a minimum of \$2,000.00 of Revenue Sharing Funds if they become available up to a maximum of \$5,000.00 in Revenue Sharing Funds. The surplus of over \$2,000.00 of Revenue Sharing Funds to be applied to repairs to the outside of the Bixby Memorial Library building and grounds.

Article 6. Voted to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,500.00 for the remodeling of the Library basement rooms.

Article 7. Voted to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$3,000.00 for the purchase of a police cruiser, this sum to be supplemented by funds from the State of New Hampshire.

Article 8. (a) Voted to raise and appropriate by means of long term notes total sum of \$9,000.00 to purchase a vested interest in the Antrim-Bennington dump and provide a compacting location, and that a location for a compacting unit be decided by the Selectmen after holding a public hearing thereon.

Article 8. (b) Not carried.

Article 9. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the purchase by the Town of Frankestown 28 acres of the William Lord property for use as a permanent Town Forest under the supervision of the Conservation Commission.

Article 10. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Sixty-three Dollars (\$263.00) to support

the services of the Monadnock Family and Mental Health Services.

Article 11. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred and Sixty-seven Dollars (\$667.00) to support the services of the Monadnock Community Visiting Nurse Association, Inc.

Article 12. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for future replacement of fire trucks.

Article 13. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to draw the sum of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) from Capital Reserve Fund, Replacement of Fire Dept. Radios, for the purchase of a new mobile fire radio for the Fire Chief's car.

Article 14. Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Article 15. Voted to re-open and maintain the so-called Campbell Hill Road, commencing at Route 47 to one hundred feet beyond the property of Donald and Linda Abbott.

Article 16. Voted to relinquish all right, title and interest, if any, in the old road leading from the Old County Road, so-called, to the residence of John L. Arnold, in accordance with RSA 238:1.

Article 17. Voted to reimburse the Town Tax Collector for expenses during the fiscal year 1973 and that the Town pay the Tax Collector \$500.00 plus expenses each year effective on passage.

Article 18. Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Article 19. Voted to create a Town Recycling Commission of three persons appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 20. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) toward the operating expenses of the Conservation Commission.

Article 21. Voted to adopt the amendments to the Town Ordinances as proposed by the Planning Board.

Article 22. Voted to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$3,000.00 to provide adequate fire protection for the George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library as required by the Department of Safety and the Office of the Fire Marshal.

Respectfully submitted,  
HERMAN C. MILLER, Town Clerk



## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

As of December 31, 1974

Description	Value
Town Hall, Lands & Buildings	\$ 32,500 00
Furniture & Equipment	2,200 00
Libraries, Lands & Buildings	21,500 00
Furniture & Equipment	35,000 00
Police Department, Equipment	9,000 00
Fire Department, Lands & Buildings	15,500 00
Equipment	40,000 00
Highway Department, Lands & Buildings	6,000 00
Equipment	30,000 00
Materials & Supplies	300 00
All Other Property & Equipment:	
Bixby Dam Property	3,000 00
Town Forest	2,800 00
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Total	\$197,800 00

**Tax Year 1974**

**SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION**

**Town of Francestown in Hillsborough County**

Land — Improved and Unimproved		\$2,520,353
Buildings		5,229,394
Public Water Utility		5,000
Public Utilities — Electric		150,000
Boats and Launches		<u>2,300</u>
Total Valuation before Exemptions Allowed		\$7,907,047
Elderly Exemptions (11)	\$29,700	
Total Exemptions Allowed	<u>-----</u>	<u>29,700</u>
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is computed		\$7,877,347

**CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Walter C. Dodge

R. Franklin Mace

O. Alan Thulander

Selectmen of Francestown

Date: August 29, 1974

# **Itemization of Qualifying Current Use, Acreages & Assessments**

	A	B	C
	No. of Acres	Assessed Value RSA 75:1	Current Use Value Chapter 392 Laws of 1973
Farm Land:			
Forest Lands	799.4	\$ 90,140	\$15,109
Wetlands	155	14,810	836
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Totals	954.4	\$104,950	\$15,945

Total of all land valuations improved & unimproved (RSA 75:1)	\$2,609,358
Total of Column B minus Column C	89,005
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Summary Inventory of Valuation	\$2,520,353

## **Homeowners Exemptions**

	Valuation Exempted
Age 65 and over (11)	\$29,700
Under 65 years of age (0)	0
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Total Valuation Exempted	\$29,700

State of New Hampshire  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
Concord, 03301  
January 16, 1975

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Board of Selectmen

Francestown, New Hampshire 03043

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of an examination and audit of the accounts of the Town of Francestown for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1974, which was made by the Division in accordance with the vote of the Town. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report.

One of the enclosed audit reports must be given to the Town Clerk to be retained as part of the permanent Town records.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Library Treasurer, Cemetery Treasurer, Fire Department, Conservation Commission and Trustees of Trust Funds.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*General Fund:*

*Comparative Balance Sheets — December 31, 1973 and December 31, 1974: (Exhibit A-1)*

Comparative Balance Sheets — General Fund — as of December 31, 1973 and December 31, 1974, are presented in Exhibit A-1. As indicated therein, the Current Surplus of the Town increased by \$4,786, from \$9,939 to \$14,725, during the fiscal year ended December 31, 1974.

*Analysis of Change in Current Financial Condition:*  
(Exhibit A-2)

An analysis of the change in current financial condition of the Town during the year is made in Exhibit A-2, with the factor which caused the change indicated therein. It was as follows:

*Increase in Current Surplus:*

Net Budget Surplus (Exhibit A-4)      \$4,786

*Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures — Estimated and Actual Revenues: (Exhibit A-3 and A-4)*

Comparative statements of general fund appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1974, are presented in Exhibits A-3 and A-4. As indicated by the Budget Summary (Exhibit A-4), a revenue surplus of \$10,777, less a net overdraft of appropriations of \$5,991, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$4,786.

*Long Term Indebtedness:*

*Comparative Balance Sheets — December 31, 1973 and December 31, 1974: (Exhibit A-5)*

Comparative Balance Sheets of the outstanding long term indebtedness of the Town as of December 31, 1973 and December 31, 1974, are contained in Exhibit A-5. As indicated therein, because the amount of long term notes issued in 1974 offset the amount of matured notes paid during the year, the long term debt remained at \$28,000 as of December 31, 1974.

*Statement of Debt Service Requirements: (Exhibit A-6)*

A statement showing annual debt service requirements of principal and interest as of December 31, 1974, is presented in Exhibit A-6.

## TREASURER

*General Fund:*

*Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures:  
(Exhibit B-1)*

A summary statement of general fund receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1974, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, is included in Exhibit B-1.

*Revenue Sharing Funds: (Exhibit J)*

A statement of Revenue Sharing Fund receipts, expenditures, encumbrances and fund balance is contained in Exhibit J. As stated therein, there is an unappropriated fund balance of \$845 as of December 31, 1974.

## AUDIT PROCEDURE

The accounts and records of all town officials charged with the custody, receipt and disbursement of public funds were examined and audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

Verification of uncollected and unredeemed taxes was made by mailing notices to delinquent taxpayers as indicated by the Tax Collector's records. Consequently, the amounts of uncollected and unredeemed taxes as indicated in this report are subject to any changes which may be necessitated by the return of verification notices.

## GENERAL COMMENTS

*Long Term Notes Authorized — Unissued — \$3,000:*  
(Exhibit A-1)

Article 8-a of the annual Town Meeting approved an appropriation of \$9,000 for the purchase of a vested interest in the Antrim-Bennington disposal site; said appropriation to be funded by the issuance of long term notes. Accordingly, long term notes totaling \$6,000 were issued against the above authorization in 1974 and expenditures of like amount were expended for this purpose.

If the remainder of this appropriation (\$3,000) is not required, an article to rescind the unused authorization should be adopted at the next Town Meeting.

### *Classification of Expenditures:*

Our examination of the Selectmen's cash payment book revealed a number of instances wherein expenditures were incorrectly classified. This was more prevalent, particularly in connection with capital outlay disbursements. It is recommended that greater care be exercised in preparing vouchers for subsequent entry in the cash payment book.

### *Conclusion:*

The provisions of Chapter 71-a, Section 21, require that the auditors' summary of findings and recommendations

(letter of transmittal) shall be published in the next annual report of the Town. Publication of the Exhibits contained in this audit report is optional at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen. This letter, however, must be published in its entirety.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Francestown for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Very truly yours,

FREDERICK E. LAPLANTE, Director  
Division of Municipal Accounting  
Department of Revenue Administration

## **TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN**

### **Certificate of Audit**

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Francestown for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1974.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and statements of sources of revenues and expenditures present fairly the financial position of the Town of Francestown at December 31, 1974, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental entities, applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,  
FREDERICK E. LAPLANTE, Director  
Division of Municipal Accounting  
Department of Revenue Administration

**EXHIBIT A-1**  
**TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN**  
**General Fund**  
**Comparative Balance Sheets**  
**As of December 31, 1973 and December 31, 1974**

**ASSETS**

Cash:

	December 31, 1973	December 31, 1974
In Hands of Treasurer	\$64,167	\$72,030
In Hands of Tax Collector	66	25
	<u>          </u> \$ 64,233	<u>          </u> \$ 72,055

Long Term Notes Authorized—

Unissued:

Purchase of Vested Interest in  
Disposal Site (Article 8-a)

\$3,000

Capital Reserve Funds:

Road Equipment	\$ 851	\$ 895
Civil Defense	179	188
Town Hall	4,950	5,204
Town Buildings	40	42
Replacement of Fire Truck	2,628	3,763
New Cemetery	1,435	1,658
Fire Department — Radio		
Replacement	845	272
	<u>          </u> 10,928	<u>          </u> 12,022

Accounts Due to Town:

From Federal Agency:		
Revenue Sharing Fund	\$ 658	\$
Other	560	414
	<u>          </u> 1,218	<u>          </u> 414

Unredeemed Taxes

(Exhibit C-2) 3,468

Uncollected Taxes

(Exhibit C-1) 30,421 45,731

Total Assets

\$110,268 \$133,222



# Liabilities & Current Surplus

	December 31, 1973	December 31, 1974
Bills Outstanding	\$ 147	\$ 147
Special Appropriations Forwarded:		
Conservation Commission	\$ 150	\$
Library Improvements (Article 22)		1,897
Library Improvements (Article 5)		790
Bixby Pond Dam (Due Trustees of Trust Funds)		691
Selectmen's Office Renovations	1,965	
	<hr/> \$ 2,115	<hr/> \$ 3,378
Unexpended Balance of Non- Revenue Appropriation (Article 8-a)		3,000
Unappropriated Revenue		
Sharing Funds		845
Yield Tax Security Deposit	47	47
Due to State of New Hampshire:		
2% Bond and Debt Retirement Taxes:		
Collected — Not Remitted	266	380
Capital Reserve Funds	10,928	12,022
School District Tax Payable	86,826	98,678
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Total Liabilities	\$100,329	\$118,497
Current Surplus	9,939	14,725
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Total Liabilities & Current Surplus	\$110,268	\$133,222

## **EXHIBIT A-2** **TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN** **General Fund** **Analysis of Change in Current Financial Condition** **Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1974**

Current Surplus — December 31, 1974	\$14,725
Current Surplus — December 31, 1973	9,939
	<hr/>
Increase in Current Surplus	\$4,786

<b>Analysis of Change</b>	
<b>Increase in Current Surplus:</b>	
Net Budget Surplus (Exhibit A-4)	\$4,786

**EXHIBIT A-3**  
**TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN**  
**General Fund**  
**Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1974**

	Appropriations Forwarded From 1973	Appropriations 1974	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures 1974	Unexpended	Balances Overdrafts	Appropriations Forwarded To 1975
<b>General Government:</b>								
Town Officers' Salaries	\$	\$ 2,800.00	\$	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,331.00	\$ 469.00	\$	\$
Town Officers' Expenses		3,300.00		3,300.00	3,585.00		285.00	
Election & Registration Expenses		300.00		300.00	313.00		13.00	
Town Hall and								
Buildings Maintenance		2,200.00		2,200.00	1,789.00	411.00		
<b>Protection of Persons and Property:</b>								
Police Department		3,000.00		3,000.00	4,240.00		1,240.00	
Fire Department, including								
Forest Fires		2,610.00	38.00	2,648.00	2,772.00		124.00	
Blister Rust & Care of Trees		100.00		100.00	180.00		80.00	
Insurance		3,800.00		3,800.00	3,910.00		110.00	
Conservation Commission	150.00	150.00		300.00	300.00			
Planning and Zoning		550.00		550.00	572.00		22.00	
<b>Health and Sanitation:</b>								
Ambulance Service		700.00		700.00	745.00		45.00	

	Appropriations Forwarded From 1973	Appropriations 1974	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures 1974	Unexpended Balances	Appropriations Forwarded To 1975
Mental Health		263.00		263.00	263.00		
Visiting Nurse		667.00		667.00	667.00		
Vital Statistics		10.00		10.00	19.00		9.00
Town Dump		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,236.00	264.00	
<b>Highways and Bridges:</b>							
Town Road Aid		1,180.00		1,180.00	1,180.00		
Town Maintenance —							
Summer and Winter		55,428.00	112.00	55,540.00	57,800.00		2,260.00
Street Lighting		850.00		850.00	847.00	3.00	
General Expenses of Highway Department		3,000.00		3,000.00	3,108.00		108.00
Library		5,329.00		5,329.00	5,329.00		
<b>Public Welfare:</b>							
Old Age Assistance		775.00		775.00	955.00		180.00
<b>Public Service Enterprises:</b>							
Cemeteries		300.00		300.00	300.00		
<b>Unclassified:</b>							
Damages and Legal Expenses		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,883.00		883.00
Advertising and Regional Associations		546.00		546.00	446.00	100.00	

	Appropriations Forwarded From 1973	Appropriations 1974	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures 1974	Unexpended Balances Overdrafts	Appropriations Forwarded To 1975
<b>Employees' Retirement and Social Security</b>		800.00	317.00	1,117.00	1,406.00	289.00	
<b>Debt Service:</b>							
Interest on Debt:							
Tax Anticipation Notes		1,500.00		1,500.00	2,297.00	797.00	
Long Term Notes		1,004.00		1,004.00	1,009.00	5.00	
Principal of Debt:							
Long Term Notes		6,000.00		6,000.00	6,000.00		
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>							
Land and Buildings:							
Library Repairs and Improvements:							
Outside Repairs (Article 5)		2,000.00		2,000.00	1,210.00		790.00
Basement Renovations (Article 6)		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00		
Fire Protection Improvements (Article 22)		3,000.00		3,000.00	1,103.00		1,897.00
Land Acquisition (Article 9)		2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00		
Disposal Site (Article 8-a)			6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00		
Selectmen's Office Renovations (Article 9 — 1973)	1,965.00			1,965.00	975.00	990.00	
Bixby Pond Dam (Article 4)			8,391.00	8,391.00	7,700.00		691.00

	Appropriations Forwarded From 1973	Appropriations 1974	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures 1974	Unexpended	Balances Overdrafts	Appropriations Forwarded To 1975
New Equipment:								
Police Department (Article 7)		3,000.00	1,724.00	4,724.00	6,068.00		1,344.00	
Fire Department (Article 13)			600.00	600.00	593.00	7.00		
Payments To Capital Reserve Fund — Fire Department		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00			
<b>Totals a-c Town Appropriations</b>	\$ 2,115.00	\$112,162.00	\$ 17,182.00	\$131,459.00	\$133,631.00	\$ 2,244.00	\$ 7,794.00	\$ 3,378.00
<b>Payments to Other</b>								
<b>Governmental Divisions:</b>								
School District Tax	86,826.00	194,436.00	281,262.00	182,584.00				98,678.00
County Tax		16,335.00	16,335.00	16,335.00				
Overlay (Abatements and Refunds)		4,347.00	4,347.00	4,347.00	4,788.00		441.00	
	\$ 88,941.00	\$327,280.00	\$ 17,182.00	\$433,403.00	\$337,338.00	\$ 2,244.00	\$ 8235.00	\$102,056.00

**EXHIBIT A-4**  
**TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN**  
**General Fund**  
**Comparative Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues**  
**and Budget Summary**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1974**

SOURCE	Revenues		Excess	Deficit
	Estimated	Actual		
Taxes:				
Current Year:				
Property Taxes	\$238,047	\$241,577	\$ 3,530	\$
Resident Taxes	3,750	4,226	476	
Yield Taxes	1,900	1,922	22	
Prior Years: (Added Taxes)				
Property Taxes		1,792	1,792	
Resident Taxes		98	98	
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	600	1,829	1,229	
From State of New Hampshire:				
Class V Highway Maintenance	7,700	8,214	514	
Interest and Dividends Tax	39,923	39,923		
Savings Bank Tax	1,644	1,644		
Meals and Rooms Tax	3,200	4,186	986	
Business Profits Tax	2,327	2,326		1
Highway Subsidy Funds	14,214	14,214		
Highway Safety Agency		1,360	1,360	
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:				
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	11,000	11,572	572	
Dog Licenses	450	487	37	
Business Licenses, Permits and				
Filing Fees	125	348	223	
Rent of Town Property				
and Equipment	400	100		300
Other		239	239	
Federal Revenue Sharing Funds	2,000	2,000		
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	\$327,280	\$338,057	\$11,078	\$ 301
Budget Summary				
Actual Revenues		\$338,057		
Estimated Revenues		327,280		
Revenue Surplus		<hr/>	\$10,777	
Overdrafts of Appropriations		\$ 8,235		
Unexpended Balances of				
Appropriations		2,244		
Net Overdraft of				
Appropriations		<hr/>	5,991	
Net Budget Surplus			<hr/>	\$4,786

# **EXHIBIT A-5** **TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN**

## **Long Term Indebtedness** **Comparative Balance Sheets** **As of December 31, 1973 and December 31, 1974**

### **ASSETS**

	Dec. 31, 1973	Dec. 31, 1974
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of Long Term Debt	\$28,000	\$28,000

### **LIABILITIES**

#### **Long Term Notes Outstanding:**

Town Hall Improvement Notes — 1962	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000
Caskie Bridge Notes — 1962, 1963	1,000	
New Equipment Notes — 1971	17,000	15,000
Tax Map Notes — 1972	8,000	6,000
Disposal Site Notes — 1974		6,000

Total Liabilities	\$28,000	\$28,000
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# **EXHIBIT A-6** **TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN**

## **Long Term Indebtedness** **Statement of Debt Service Requirements** **As of December 31, 1974**

	Town Hall Improvement Notes 3%		New Equipment Notes 3¾%	
Amount of Orig. Issue	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
Date of Orig. Issue	\$14,000.00		\$21,000.00	
Principal Payable Date	February 1, 1962		March 15, 1971	
Interest Payable Dates	December 31		March 15	
Payable at	June 30 & December 31		March 15 & Sept. 15	
	Souhegan Nat'l. Bank, Milford, N. H.		Souhegan Nat'l. Bank, Milford, N. H.	
Maturities - Fiscal Year Ending				
December 31, 1975				
December 31, 1976	\$1,000	\$30	\$ 2,000	\$ 532
December 31, 1977			2,000	457
December 31, 1978			2,000	380
December 31, 1979			2,000	304
December 31, 1980			2,000	228
December 31, 1981			2,000	152
December 31, 1982			2,000	76
			1,000	19
	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$30</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>\$2,148</u>



	Tax Map Notes		Disposal Site Notes		Total	
	4%		5 1/4 %		Principal	Interest
Amount of Orig. Issue	\$10,500.00		\$6,000			
Date of Orig. Issue	September 26, 1972		December 24, 1974			
Principal Payable Date	September 26		December 24			
Interest Payable Dates	March 26 & Sept. 26		June 24 and December 24			
Payable at	Souhegan Nat'l. Bank, Milford, N. H.		Souhegan National Bank Milford, New Hampshire			
Maturities -- Fiscal Year Ending	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest		
December 31, 1975	\$2,000	\$240	\$2,000	\$315	\$ 7,000	\$1,117
December 31, 1976	2,000	160	2,000	210	6,000	827
December 31, 1977	2,000	80	2,000	105	6,000	565
December 31, 1978					2,000	304
December 31, 1979					2,000	228
December 31, 1980					2,000	152
December 31, 1981					2,000	76
December 31, 1982					1,000	19
	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$480</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$630</u>	<u>\$28,000</u>	<u>\$3,288</u>

**EXHIBIT B-1**  
**TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN**  
**General Fund**  
**Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1974**

Receipts		
Current Revenue:		
From Local Taxes:		
Current Year:		
Property Taxes	\$195,198	
Resident Taxes	3,450	
Yield Taxes	2,280	
	<hr/>	\$200,928
Prior Years:		
Property Taxes	\$ 29,020	
Resident Taxes	560	
	<hr/>	29,580
Interest on Delinquent Taxes		1,829
Resident Tax Penalties		60
Tax Sales Redeemed		20,290
		<hr/>
		\$252,687
From State of New Hampshire:		
Class V Highway Maintenance	\$ 8,214	
Interest and Dividends Tax	39,923	
Savings Bank Tax	1,644	
Meals and Rooms Tax	4,186	
Business Profits Tax	2,326	
Highway Subsidy Funds	14,214	
Forest Fire Reimbursement	38	
	<hr/>	70,545
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:		
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$ 11,580	
Dog Licenses	487	
Rent of Town Property and Equipment	100	
Business Licenses, Permits and		
Filing Fees	348	
Other	239	
	<hr/>	12,754
		<hr/>
Total Current Revenue Receipts		\$335,986
Receipts other than Current Revenues:		
Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	\$ 60,000	
Proceeds of Long Term Notes	6,000	
Withdrawals from Capital		
Reserve Funds	5,141	

New Trust Funds		475
Grants From U.S.A.		
Revenue Sharing	\$ 3,347	
Interest Earned on Revenue		
Sharing Funds	156	
Land and Water Conservation Fund	3,850	
Governor's Commission on Crime		
and Delinquency	920	
Highway Safety Agency	2,164	
	<hr/>	10,437
Refunds:		
Town Maintenance	\$ 112	
Employees' Retirement and		
Social Security	317	
Con-Val Plowing Reimbursement	78	
	<hr/>	507
Prior Year Reimbursements:		
Police Department		160
		<hr/>
Total Receipts other than Current Revenue		\$ 82,720
Total Receipts from All Sources		\$418,706
Balance — January 1, 1974		64,167
		<hr/>
Grand Total		\$482,873

Expenditures		
General Government:		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,331	
Town Officers' Expenses	3,397	
Election and Registration Expenses	313	
Town Hall and Buildings Maint.	1,789	
Tax Map	188	
	<hr/>	\$ 8,018
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police Department	\$ 4,240	
Fire Department,		
Including Forest Fires	2,772	
Blister Rust and Care of Trees	180	
Insurance	3,910	
Planning and Zoning	572	
Conservation Commission	300	
	<hr/>	11,974
Health and Sanitation:		
Ambulance Service	\$ 745	
Mental Health	263	

Visiting Nurse	667	
Vital Statistics	19	
Town Dump	1,236	
	<hr/>	2,930
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Road Aid	\$ 1,180	
Class V Highway Maint.	8,214	
Town Maintenance:		
Summer	\$ 18,027	
Winter	17,345	
Highway Subsidy Funds	14,214	
	<hr/>	49,586
Street Lighting	847	
General Expense of Highway Dept.	3,108	
	<hr/>	62,935
Library		5,329
Public Welfare:		
Old Age Assistance		955
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries		300
Unclassified:		
Damages and Legal Expenses	\$ 1,883	
Advertising and		
Regional Associations	446	
Employees' Retirement and		
Social Security	1,406	
Taxes Bought by Town	16,847	
Payments to Trustees of		
Trust Funds	475	
Con-Val Plowing	92	
Abatements and Refunds:		
Property Tax	\$ 617	
Resident Tax	10	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	8	
	<hr/>	635
	<hr/>	21,784
Debt Service:		
Interest on Debt:		
On Tax Anticipation Notes	\$ 2,297	
On Long Term Notes	1,009	
Principal of Debt:		
Tax Anticipation Notes Paid	60,000	
Long Term Notes Paid	6,000	
	<hr/>	69,306

Capital Outlay:

Land and Buildings:

Library Repairs and Improvements:

Outside Repairs	\$ 1,210
Basement Renovations	1,500
Fire Protection Improvements	1,103

                     \$ 3,813

Land Acquisition 2,000

Disposal Site 6,000

Selectmen's Office Renovations 975

Bixby Pond Dam 7,700

New Equipment:

Police Department 6,068

Fire Department 593

Payments to Capital Reserve Fund 1,000

                     \$ 28,149

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

State of New Hampshire:

2% Bond and Debt

Retirement Taxes \$ 244

County Tax 16,335

School District Tax:

1973-74 Assessments \$ 86,826

1974-75 Assessments 95,758

                     182,584

                     199,163

Total Expenditures for All Purposes \$410,843

Balance — December 31, 1974 72,030

                     Grand Total \$482,873

# EXHIBIT C-1 TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

## Summary of Warrants Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1974

— DR. —

	1974	Levies of:	
		1973	1972
<b>Cash in Hands of Tax Collector —</b>			
<b>December 31, 1973:</b>			
a-c Resident Taxes	\$	\$	\$ 60
a-c Resident Tax Penalties			6
<b>Uncollected Taxes — January 1, 1974:</b>			
Property Taxes		29,651	
Resident Taxes		770	
<b>Taxes Committed To Collector:</b>			
Property Taxes	237,952		
Resident Taxes	4,060		
Yield Taxes	2,280		
<b>Added Taxes:</b>			
Property Taxes	3,625	1,792	
Resident Taxes	160	50	
<b>Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes</b>	11	715	
<b>Penalties Collected on Delinquent</b>			
Resident Taxes	6	48	
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$248,094	\$ 33,026	\$ 66

— CR. —

<b>Remittances To Treasurer:</b>			
Property Taxes	\$195,198	\$ 29,020	\$
Resident Taxes	3,450	500	60
Yield Taxes	2,280		
Interest	11	715	
Resident Tax Penalties	6	48	6
<b>Abatements Allowed:</b>			
Property Taxes	1,348	2,423	
Resident Taxes	70	320	
<b>Uncollected Taxes — December 31, 1974:</b>			
Property Taxes	45,031		
Resident Taxes	700		
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	\$248,094	\$ 33,026	\$ 66

**EXHIBIT C-2**  
**TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN**  
**Summary of Tax Sales Account**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1974**

— DR. —

	1973	Levies of: 1972	1971
<b>Unredeemed Taxes — January 1, 1974</b>	\$	\$ 3,433	\$ 35
<b>Tax Sale of May 4, 1974</b>	16,847		
<b>Interest and Costs Collected After Sale</b>	667	428	8
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$ 17,514	\$ 3,861	\$ 43

— CR. —

**Remittances To Treasurer:**

Redemptions	\$ 16,822	\$ 3,433	\$ 35
Interest and Costs	667	428	8
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	\$ 17,489	\$ 3,861	\$ 43

**Cash in Hands of Tax Collector**  
**December 31, 1974:**  
a-c Redemptions

25		
<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
\$ 17,514	\$ 3,861	\$ 43

# **EXHIBIT D** **TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN**

## **Statement of Town Clerk's Accounts** **Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1974**

— DR. —

**Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:**

1973 Permits	\$ 262	
1974 Permits	11,086	
1975 Permits	232	
	<hr/>	\$11,580

**Dog Licenses Issued:**

158 @ \$2	\$ 316	
20 @ \$5	100	
1 Kennel @ \$20	20	
1 Kennel @ \$54	54	
	<hr/>	

\$ 490

33 Penalties @ \$1

33

\$ 523

**Less: 180 Fees Retained @ \$.20**

36

**Filing Fees**

487

15

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\$12,082

— CR. —

**Remittances To Treasurer:**

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$11,580	
Dog Licenses	487	
Filing Fees	15	
	<hr/>	\$12,082



**EXHIBIT E-1**  
**TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN**  
**George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library**  
**General Fund**  
**Statement of Account**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1974**

Town Appropriation		\$5,329
<b>Expenditures During Year:</b>		
Librarian's Salaries	\$2,002	
Books and Magazines	671	
Fuel Oil	686	
Utilities	541	
Janitorial Services	600	
New Equipment and Repairs	184	
Supplies	374	
Miscellaneous Expenses	154	
Social Security Taxes	117	
	<hr/>	5,329
Balance — December 31, 1973		\$ 00

**EXHIBIT E-2**  
**TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN**  
**George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library**  
**Special Fund**  
**Statement of Account**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1974**

Balance — January 1, 1974		\$2,520
<b>Receipts During Year:</b>		
Town Appropriation	\$1,500	
Gifts	4,434	
Benefits	477	
Trust Fund Income	154	
Fines	165	
State of New Hampshire	100	
Sale of Chairs	134	
Interest on Investments	56	
Other Income	49	
	<hr/>	7,069
		<hr/>
		\$9,589
<b>Expenditures During Year:</b>		
Library Basement Renovations:		
Improvements	\$1,786	
Audiovisual Material	1,061	
Furniture and Fixtures	3,701	
	<hr/>	\$6,548

Books and Magazines	805	
Salary	708	
Social Security Taxes	41	
Miscellaneous Expenditures	29	
	<hr/>	8,131

Balance — December 31, 1974 \$1,458

**EXHIBIT E-3**  
**TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN**  
**George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library**  
**Development Fund**  
**Statement of Account**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1974**

Balance — January 1, 1974	\$ 469
<b>Receipts During Year:</b>	
Interest on Investments	19
	<hr/>
	\$ 488
<b>Expenditures During Year:</b>	
Library Basement — Furniture and Fixtures	488
	<hr/>
Balance — December 31, 1974	\$ 00

**EXHIBIT E-4**  
**TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN**  
**George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library**  
**Town History Fund**  
**Statement of Account**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1974**

Balance — January 1, 1974	\$ 874
<b>Receipts During Year:</b>	
Sales of Town Histories	\$258
Interest on Investments	49
	<hr/>
	307
	<hr/>
	\$1,181
<b>Expenditures During Year:</b>	
Library Basement — Furniture and Fixtures	\$341
Postage and Handling	5
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	346
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Balance — December 31, 1974	\$ 835

**EXHIBIT F**  
**TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN**

**Fire Department**  
**Statement of Account**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1974**

Balance — January 1, 1974	\$ 203
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**Receipts During Year:**

Town Appropriation	\$2,610	
Insurance Claim	148	
Telephone Commissions	46	
Miscellaneous	11	
	<hr/>	2,815
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		\$3,018

**Expenditures During Year:**

Fuel Oil	\$ 676	
Utilities	448	
New Fire Hose	444	
Truck Expense	347	
Radio Repairs	310	
Mutual Aid	285	
Supplies	291	
Janitorial Services	100	
Training	73	
Water Holes Labor	24	
Postage	19	
	<hr/>	3,017
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Balance — December 31, 1974	\$ 1
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**EXHIBIT C**  
**TOWN OF FRANCES TOWN**  
**Trust Funds**  
**Summary of Principal, Income and Investments**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1974**

	Principal		Income		Balance Principal & Income Dec. 31, 1974
	Balance Jan. 1, 1974	Additions (With- drawals)	Balance Dec. 31, 1974	Balance Jan. 1, 1974	Balance Dec. 31, 1974
			Earned During Year	Expended During Year	
<b>Cemetery Funds:</b>					
Common Trust Fund "A"	\$ 6,445	\$	\$ 459	\$ 230	\$ 1,973
Common Trust Fund "B"	3,609		315	210	1,592
Individual Accounts	12,388	334	844	1,325	1,425
<b>Education Funds:</b>	1,128		90	33	310
<b>Library Funds:</b>	2,525	1,500	79		79
<b>Capital Reserve Funds:</b>					
Road Equipment	634		44		261
Civil Defense	110		9		78
Town Hall	4,463		254		741
Town Buildings	14		2		28
Replacement of Fire Truck	2,153	1,000	135		42
New Cemetery	1,092	150	73		610
Fire Dept. Radio Replacement	625	( 353)	27	247	416
<b>Bixby Mill Pond Dam Repair</b>	<b>4,414</b>	<b>( 4,414)</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>272</b>
		( 4,767)			
	\$39,600	\$ 2,984	\$ 2,458	\$ 2,172	\$ 7,513
					\$45,330

### INVESTMENTS

Amoskeag Savings Bank	\$ 7,664
Manchester Savings Bank	22,935
Peterborough Savings Bank — Regular	1,207
Peterborough Savings Bank — Time Certificate	10,390
Peterborough Savings Bank — Investment Share	1,500
43 Shares — The Manchester Corporation	1,634
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	\$45,330

**EXHIBIT H**  
**TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN**  
**Cemetery Commission**  
**Statement of Account**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1974**

Balance — January 1, 1974 \$ 169

Receipts During Year:

Income from Trust Funds	\$1,765	
Town Appropriation	300	
Sale of Lots	50	
	<hr/>	\$2,115
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		\$2,284

Expenditures During Year:

Care of Grounds:

Labor	\$1,622	
Materials	537	
Refund of Lots Sale	50	
Utilities	36	
	<hr/>	\$2,245
		<hr/>
Balance — December 31, 1974		\$ 39

**EXHIBIT I**  
**TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN**

**Conservation Commission**  
**Statement of Account**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1974**

Balance — January 1, 1974	\$1,364
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**Receipts During Year:**

Advertising Income	\$951	
Dance Receipts (Net)	637	
Town Appropriations — 1973-74	300	
Interest on Investments	104	
Donations	13	
	<hr/>	2,005
		<hr/>
		\$3,369

**Expenditures During Year:**

Printing	\$ 21	
Recycling Shed	20	
Dues	20	
Stamps	12	
Miscellaneous	18	
	<hr/>	91
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Balance — December 31, 1974	\$3,278
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**EXHIBIT J**  
**TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN**  
**Revenue Sharing Fund**  
**Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, Encumbrances**  
**and Fund Balance**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1974**

Fund Balance (Overdraft) January 1, 1974		(\$ 658)
<b>Receipts During Year:</b>		
Entitlement Payments	\$3,347	
Interest Earned	156	
	<hr/>	3,503
<b>Total Amount Available</b>		<hr/> \$2,845
<b>Expenditures and Encumbrances:</b>		
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
Library Improvements (Article 5)	\$1,210	
<b>Encumbrances:</b>		
Library Improvements (Article 5)	790	
Total Expenditures and		
Encumbrances	<hr/>	2,000
<b>Unappropriated Fund Balance — December 31, 1974</b>		<hr/> \$ 845

**EXHIBIT K**  
**TOWN OF FRANCES TOWN**  
**Town Officers' Surety Bonds**  
**1974**

	Number	Amount	Term Beginning
<b>Town Treasurer:</b>			
Herman C. Miller			
New Hampshire Insurance Company	33-09-56	\$15,000	March 5, 1974
<b>Tax Collector:</b>			
Catherine H. Abbott			
Hartford Accident and Indemnity Co.	N-3436476-N	\$50,000	March 5, 1974
<b>Town Clerk:</b>			
Herman C. Miller			
Hartford Accident and Indemnity Co.	NF-4201847	\$ 6,000	March 5, 1974
<b>Trustees of Trust Funds:</b>			
Harold A. Varnum			
New Hampshire Insurance Company	88-59-90	\$ 6,000	March 7, 1972
Clifton F. Foote			
Hartford Accident and Indemnity Co.	NF-4040858-A	\$ 6,000	March 6, 1973
F. Russell Abbott			
New Hampshire Insurance Company	88-43-11	\$ 7,000	March 5, 1974



## FINANCIAL REPORT OF TREASURER

Balance in Treasury, Jan. 1, 1974 \$ 64,167 10

### Catherine H. Abbott, Tax Collector:

1971 Tax Sales Redeemed	\$ 34 99	
1971 Int. & Costs after Sale	7 70	
	-----	42 69
1972 Tax Sales Redeemed	\$3,437 06	
1972 Int. & Costs after Sale	423 70	
	-----	3,860 76
1973 Property Tax	\$29,019 71	
1973 Interest	716 38	
1973 Resident Tax	560 00	
1973 Resident Tax Penalties	54 00	
1973 Tax Sales Redeemed	16,822 01	
1973 Int. & Costs after Sale	667 11	
	-----	47,839 21
1974 Property Tax	\$195,198 81	
1974 Interest	10 15	
1974 Resident Tax	3,450 00	
1974 Resident Tax Penalties	6 00	
1974 Yield Taxes	2,280 15	
	-----	200,945 11

### Herman C. Miller, Clerk:

Auto Permits	\$11,579 58	
Dog Licenses	486 80	
Filing Fees	15 00	
	-----	12,081 38
Loans:		
Souhegan Nat'l. Bank (Short Term)	\$60,000 00	
Souhegan Nat'l. Bank (Long Term)	6,000 00	
	-----	66,000 00
Rentals:		
Town Hall		100 00
State of New Hampshire:		
Gas Tax Subsidy	\$14,214 00	

Federal Gov. & State		
Communications Grant	920 00	
Forest Fire Bill	37 38	
Business & Profits Tax	2,326 00	
Class V Highways	8,213 70	
Savings Bank Tax	1,644 35	
Int. & Dividends Tax	39,922 79	
Payment toward Bixby Dam	3,850 00	
Reimburse. Police Car	2,164 04	
Rooms & Meals Tax	4,186 33	
	<hr/>	77,478 59
Unclassified:		
Building Permits	\$ 165 00	
Pistol Permits	40 00	
Dump & Beach Permits	126 00	
Lonnie F. Brown,		
Reimburse. Police Expense	160 00	
U.S. Treasury Dept.,		
Fed. Revenue Sharing	3,347 00	
Elizabeth Wiederhold,		
Sale of Old School Desks	20 00	
Merchants Savings Bank,		
Int. on Fed. Rev. Sharing	155 96	
Pleasant Pond Snowmobile Club,		
Corporations Filing Fee	2 00	
G. H. Bixby Mem. Library,		
Soc. Sec. Withholding	317 09	
U.S. Treasury,		
Income Tax Refund	3 51	
Eva Stuwrow, Sale of		
Zoning Ordinances	4 00	
Tim Gannett, Planning Board Fees	16 00	
Rice's, Inc., Refund	111 73	
Conval School District,		
Plowing Snow	78 00	
Joseph Rainey,		
Planning Board Fee	11 00	
Walter Dodge, Sale of Piano	25 00	
R. Franklin Mace, Sale of		
Zoning Ordinances	6 00	

Robert Todd, Planning Board Fee	14 00	
Carl Peterson, Planning Board Fee	14 00	
Trustees of Trust Funds,		
Cap. Res. Fund Radios	600 00	
James Crawford, Maps	16 81	
William C. MacAdam,		
Map Registration	10 00	
Donald Mellon, Map Registration	10 00	
Donald Mellon, Zoning Ordinance	1 00	
Trustees of Trust Funds,		
Cap. Res. Fund Bixby Mill Dam	4,541 26	
Arthur, Emily & Carrie Lord,		
Perpetual Care, Lord Lots	300 00	
David Paine, Maps	75 75	
Mrs. Charles Champagne,		
Cemetery Lot	25 00	
James Champagne, Cemetery Lot	50 00	
Esther Whittemore, Cemetery Lot	25 00	
William MacAdam, Registering Plans	12 00	
Esther Whittemore, Perpetual Care	25 00	
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Total Receipts		\$482,872 95
Total Payments		410,843 44
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Balance in Treasury, Dec. 31, 1974		\$ 72,029 51

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN C. MILLER, Treasurer

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

### Town Officers' Expenses:

Town Clerk's Assoc., Dues	\$ 8 00
R. Cutter, Postage Stamps & Box Rent	124 00
E. Souckup, Bkpg. & Sec'y. Services	453 50
Steele's Book Store, Supplies	30 48
Herman C. Miller, Supplies	153 99
State of N.H., Audit 1973	528 52
Brown & Saltmarsh, Supplies	82 85
N.H. Municipal Assoc., Dues	106 00
Hillsborough Co. Treas., Filing Plans	62 38
C. H. Abbott, Supplies	364 26
Cabinet Press, Inc., Town Rpts. & Inventories	971 95
Homestead Press & Bookshop, Supplies	48 78
Harold Varnum, Supplies	12 30
N.H. Tax Collector's Assoc., Dues	10 00
Bob's Press, Forms	16 00
R. H. Llewellyn, Supplies	2 80
Cheever & Sullivan, Services	70 00
Crotched Mtn. Center, Multigraphing	1 50
J. W. Sewell Co., Prints	53 96
H. C. Humphrey, Beach Rent	1 00
L. H. Hardy & Daughter, Book Repair	35 00
R. Franklin Mace, Supplies	63 38
Seton Name Plate Co., Parking Decals	80 66
Shirley Bewley, Typing	30 00
Lawrence Kullgren, Mileage & Expenses	10 50
Branham Publishers, 1975 Auto Book	10 70
N.H. Assoc. of Assessors, Dues	10 00
Sims Press, Posters	29 00
State of N.H., Boat Report	2 00
Forrest Tenny, DVM, Dog Expenses	23 00
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	\$ 3,396 51

### Town Hall and Other Buildings:

R. Leavitt, Electrical Repairs	\$ 30 70
Daniels Garage, Fuel	816 28
Public Service Co. of N.H., Power	150 54
D. Hoyt, Repairs Cellar Door, etc.	143 92

R. Cleveland, New Lock	12 40
J. Coakley, Custodial Care	146 75
Miller Plumbing & Heating, Repairs	215 84
H. Kiblin, Care of Clock	25 00
R. Cleaves, Plowing	24 00
C. Bicknell, Lawn Care	45 00
J. Champagne, Lawn Care	48 50
I. Vadney, Supplies	3 56
MacMillan Co., Inc., Professional Services	50 00
R. Sanchioni, Install Storm Windows	31 80
E. Archambault, Town Clock Repair	45 00
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	\$ 1,789 29

Gas Tax Subsidy:	Equip.	Materials
Robert Foote	\$3,230 03	
Wilfred Foote	242 00	
Ralph Rokes	454 44	
Richard Murray	187 91	
Kenneth Foote	68 00	
Curt Werden	163 50	
S. Miller	42 50	
Richard Leavitt	25 50	
Almus Chancey	192 00	
Elsie Cornwell	96 00	
Chris Stewart	98 00	
Royal Cleaves	56 00	
Northway Rd. Mt'l.		\$ 572 22
Penn Culvert		900 23
Lyons Supply Co., Inc.		1,439 12
Nat'l. Fence & Granite Co.		423 50
Safety Rd. Mt'l. Corp.		3,008 94
Lake Asphalt		1,918 49
Whitehall Chemical Corp.		1,095 62
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	\$4,855 88	\$9,358 12

Total Gas Tax Subsidy — \$14,214.00

General Highway Expense:	
Daniels Garage, Fuel	\$ 365 31
Public Service Co., Power	139 88

Yeaton & Maine, Parts	33 50
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., Parts	309 53
Auto Parts Sales Co., Parts	12 76
Lorden Lumber, Lumber	249 48
I. H. Vadney, Supplies	120 02
Houghton Saw Service, Case Oil	24 00
Curt Werden, Cement	113 75
Ted's Sharp Shop, Repairs	7 00
Mr. Gies Tire Co., Tire & Tube	38 00
Monadnock Lumber Co., Supplies	92 79
Merrimack Industrial, Steel	120 00
Milford Asphalt Co., Asphalt	935 90
R. Rokes, Chain Saw	288 80
L. Houghton, Repairs	67 05
B.B. Chain Co., Parts	190 00
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	\$ 3,107 77

#### Highways — Winter:

	Labor	Equip.	Materials
Robert Foote	\$2,877.00	\$4,106.42	
Clayton Foote, Jr.	2,421.63		
Ronald Kullgren	896.00	27.00	
Joel Bershing	102.00		
Nina Abbott			\$ 242.70
Robert Murray	79.06	627.09	
Richard Miller		72.00	
Ralph Rokes		603.30	
Elsie Cornwell		185.00	
John Houghton	132.00		
Curt Werden		111.00	
Charles Philbrick	130.00		
Wilfred Foote		552.75	
John Paige	582.50		
Royal Cleaves		36.00	
Richard Leavitt		81.00	
George Morgan	658.75		
William Robbins		72.00	
Kenneth Foote		68.00	
Steve Miller		51.00	

Chemical Corp.	1,150 72
International Salt	1,480.55

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\$7,878.94	\$6,592.56	\$2,873.97
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Total Winter Highways — \$17,345.47

Highways — Summer:

	Labor	Equip.	Materials
Robert Foote	\$2,928.00	\$7,340.20	
Clayton Foote, Jr.	1,144.00		
Ronald Kullgren	354.00		
Charles Philbrick	1,858.00		
George Morgan	1,920.00		
Ralph Rokes		712.20	
Wilfred Foote		144.00	
Elsie Cornwell		612.00	
Almus Chancey		144.00	
Gordon Rich		364.00	
Nina Abbott			\$ 177.75
Charles Eggert			29.40
Clyde Cilley			63.00
George Cilley			236.25

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\$8,204.00	\$9,316.40	\$ 506.40
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Total Summer Highways — \$18,026.80

Duncan Fund:

	Labor	Equip.	Materials
Robert Foote	\$ 648.00	\$3,713.80	
Charles Philbrick	460.00		
George Morgan	410.00		
Ralph Rokes		281.76	
Walter Kirsch		216.00	
Elsie Cornwell		288.00	
Almus Chancey		360.00	
Gordon Rich		235.20	
Daniels Drilling & Blasting			\$ 360.60
Penn Culvert			998.84
Nina Abbott			241.50

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\$1,518.00	\$5,094.76	\$1,600.94
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Total Duncan Fund — \$8,213.70

**Unpaid Property Taxes of 1974  
as of January 1, 1975**

Robert N. Abbott	Thurston Williams
Ada Bixby	Rudolph & Barbara Zeigler
Roy Borden	Edwin Merrill
Matilda Boyle	Jane Newhall
Colburn Co.	Martha C. Bixby
James & Rosamond Crawford	Thomas Bixby III
Crotched Mt. Assoc.	Campbell (Heirs)
Bernard & Mary Doucette	Arthur Cernota
Charles Easterly	Patrick Drinkwater
Paul & Sandra Ellis	Wm. & Natalie Gray
Amy Foote	David & Dorothy Hackett
Virginia Fossell	Rogers & Elizabeth Hamel
Franeestown Land Assoc. Mt.	Thomas & Carol Hill, Jr.
Harold & Helen Hammond	David Hunt
Marion Hitchcock	John Joy
George Kunhardt, Jr.	John & Marie Kelley
Paul & Hazel Kuty	John Lanoie
Wm. & Lois MacAdam	Joseph & Rose Marino
Carl Peterson	Wm. Mullen
Mabel Pratt	Donald McDonald
Ralph & Barbara Rokes	Onset Corp.
Oscar Sweet	Edward & Joan Patridge
Curt Werden	Pearl Real Estate Co.
Robert & Janet Beausoleil	Frances & Elizabeth Petit
Donald & Kathleen Severance	Phyllis Riley
John Taylor	James Roantree
Pamela Thoma	Dorothy Saltmarsh
Byron & Naida Wight	



**Unpaid Resident Taxes of 1974  
as of January 1, 1975**

Robert Ames  
Leighton Bicknell  
Constance Bicknell  
Kevin G. Bowser  
Deborah Carney  
George Carr  
Mrs. George Carr  
Roger Cilley  
Stuart Clark, Jr.  
Bernard Doucette  
Mary Doucette  
Shelley Dutton  
Paul Ellis  
Sandra Ellis  
Clayton Foote, Jr.  
Micheal Fossell  
Scott Fossell  
Virginia Fossell  
James Gilroy  
Robert Goggins  
Harold Hammond  
Helen Hammond  
April Hammond  
Russell Hammond  
Melody Hammond  
Howard Healy, Jr.  
Robert Hicks  
Dana Huntley  
Paul Huntley  
Lois Ireland  
Ruth Ireland

Peter Mausolff  
Timothy Jackson  
Mrs. Timothy Jackson  
Andrew Janiak  
Thomas Kurtz  
Linda Kurtz  
Paul Kuty  
Hazel Kuty  
Bertrude McClary, Sr.  
Bertrude McClary, Jr.  
Elaine McClary  
Jeannette McPherrin  
Wm. MacAdam  
Lois MacAdam  
Frederick MacAdam  
James Menei  
Arthur Morgan  
George Morgan  
Thomas Osborne  
Kevin Ostler  
Phillip Sawicki  
Micheal Shanley  
Ralph Shattuck  
Jean Marie Shattuck  
William Stacy, Jr.  
Frances Stacy  
Curtis Werden  
Cristeta Werden  
Sylvia Darling  
Bernard Doucette, Jr.  
Gerald Hodges

## REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Auto Permits, 778 issued		\$11,579 58
Dog Licenses:		
158 Male & Spayed	\$343 00	
21 Female	101 00	
2 Kennel	74 00	
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	\$528 00	
Paid Out:		
Commission on 181 Licenses	36 20	
	<hr/>	486 80
Filing Fees		15 00
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Total Receipts		\$12,081 38

Respectfully submitted,  
HERMAN C. MILLER, Town Clerk

## SCHEDULE OF LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS As of December 31, 1974

<b>Long Term Notes Outstanding:</b>	
Town Hall Improvement Notes	\$ 1,000 00
New Equipment Notes	15,000 00
Tax Map Notes	6,000 00
Disposal Site Notes	6,000 00
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Total Long Term Notes Outstanding	\$28,000 00

## **FIRE INSURANCE SCHEDULE — 1974**

### **Buildings and Contents**

\$25,000 on Library Building  
4,000 on Contents of Library  
35,000 on Town Hall Building  
3,500 on Town Garage Building  
500 on Contents of Selectmen's Office  
12,000 on Fire Station

### **Other Property and Vehicles**

\$25,000 on Motor Grader  
1,000 on Stage Coach  
300 on Resuscitator  
400 on Two-way Radio Base Station  
100 on Antenna for above radio  
250 on Forestry Base Station  
400 on Four Mobile Two-way Radios  
1,650 on Eleven Radio Monitors at various locations  
2,700 on 1954 International Fire Truck & Equipment  
1,400 on 1948 Ford Fire Truck & Equipment  
16,000 on 1969 International Fire Truck  
    × 1974 Plymouth Police Cruiser, Radios & Equip.

Workmen's Compensation on all Town Employees

Liability and Property Damage on all Town Buildings, Vehicles and Operations

\$2,000 Blanket Accident Policy on Fire Dept. Members

Burglary and Robbery Policy covering Office of the Town Treasurer

## GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

### REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Further remodeling of the Basement rooms began soon after the Town voted to appropriate \$1,500 toward the cost.

Alterations were made to the three fireplace supports; two were converted into carrells for study, and one to accommodate storage of chairs and work tables. The floors were carpeted, and the soapstone sink was removed to make space for an Audio-Visual cabinet to contain the AV hard- and soft-ware. Diane Schott and Betsy Wiederhold selected gay colors, and Lois MacAdam organized a double team of volunteers to paint the entire area.

The Library officials and Robert Burns of Educational Installations, Nashua, met frequently to discuss floor plans and equipment. In April, final decisions were made and mobile bookcase units, librarian's desk, and other movable pieces were ordered.

When the units arrived, another team of volunteers was called upon to relocate the many books. It was a monumental task accomplished only by the determination and willingness of so many friends of the Library giving unselfishly of their time.

Gifts received in Memory of Scott Marsden for the establishment of an Audio-Visual Center were used for a Twin Study AV Carrell and a large AV Storage Cabinet. Paul Fraser of N.H. Audio-Vue, and Joseph Lessard, Principal of the Elementary School, gave expert advice in the selection of the Audio-Visual materials which include a large projector screen, film strip projector, cassette player, four stereo headsets, and two stereo jack sets. Each piece of equipment is interchangeable and applicable to individual or group study.

In September, the rooms were ready for the children, and the many programs planned in conjunction with the grade School began with great enthusiasm.

The transformation of the basement into the Children's Library took a great deal of time and work on the part of so many people that it is impossible to thank them individually. So with warm thanks to all, we look forward to its

continual and growing use, and the development of many enjoyable programs.

During National Library Week, April 21-27, there was a fine display of new books. Doris Bassett arranged an exhibit showing how a book is produced with materials from the Golden Quill Press. Included were illustrations by Jeanne Thompson, now living in California. On the last day, the 27th, the Library had a reception for its own Carrie Lord! Mrs. Lord was moving to Ashland, Mass., and many friends came to say goodbye and wish her all the best for the future. (Mrs. Lord was librarian for 17 years and is the author of *Diary of a Village Library*.)

In May, the Librarian, accompanied by the trustees, attended the N.H. Library Council Annual Conference. One of the speakers was the author and illustrator of children's books, N. M. Bodecker.

During the Winter there were reading programs for the school children. Fran Hall read to the 5th and 6th graders, while the 1st and 2nd graders were read to in the school, using Library books. Also, for the children, there were three weekly movie programs.

In the Summer our Librarian planned several delightful programs for the children. The Reading Program was a great success, many adults wished they could participate, too! A charming map of Francestown was drawn by Eleanor Kiblin, and each child had a replica of the Francestown Coach which he "drove" from one illustrated historic area to another as each book was read. At the end, there was a fine party outside the Library, and children "traveling" the most "miles" received certificates good for the paperback of their choice at a bookstore. There were close to 50 participants, and there have been eager requests for a similar event next Summer!

In addition, there were weekly story-hours for the pre-schoolers and for the young children, as well as weekly movies for all ages. A great many thanks to the kind Library friends who helped so much with these vacation events.

This Fall, several activities have been going on. One group made all kinds of Christmas decorations under the guidance of Barbara Thulander; another group made terrariums, and still another group meets regularly to learn

the art of needlepoint — all urged on by Librarian and trustees.

David Barr volunteered to act as Librarian one evening a week during November and December, and we thank him very much.

The Reading Program continued with Libby Hubbell reading to the 5th and 6th graders. Movies, too, continued to be shown three times a week.

One of the highlights of the Fall was a visit from the enchanting author and illustrator, Elizabeth Orton Jones, of Mason. The children's exciting Halloween decorations were all about, and it was the day that the young ones come from the School to choose their books. She delighted in meeting them and having a chance to talk to them. She also enjoyed watching the movie and discussing it with them. We hope she'll come back soon!

Another exhibit at this time was the show of drawings and essays done for the S. W. Recycling Fair in Keene; many of them were winners in the Fair contest.

Wonderful, imaginative creations by the children have decorated the Library at Thanksgiving and Christmas, too. And, in fact, throughout the year, there have been exhibits of the School children's work.

That marvelous party and fund-raising event: the Library Bridge-Tea and Silent Auction took place on August 15th at the Ski Lodge. It is an annual success with those annual co-chairmen, Doris Bassett and Lois MacAdam, and Connie Dodge "doing" her auction! We thank them very much for their continued generosity; and we thank them and all their committee members for being so successful in producing the magnificent sum of \$477.75. Our thanks go to Tim Gannett for making the Lodge available to us, we do appreciate that so much; and we do appreciate all who come to enjoy that special afternoon!

Special gifts have been received in memory of good friends to the Library. Memorial Gifts have been acknowledged with deep appreciation for Charline Bailey, and for Dorothy Freese, and for Ruth Whittemore. A variety of books relating to their interests are being selected.

We received from the State, one hundred dollars for Ref-

erence Books, primarily, because we are an affiliated Library of the Library Development Program (since 1965).

Twenty copies of the Town History, "Frances' Town," have been sold during the year, and there are still copies available.

We appreciate and thank the Improvement and Historical Society for the Labor Day gift of one hundred dollars (1973).

We received many generous gifts for the Basement, some of which were specifically designated for an assistant Librarian for one year. Ann Geisel of Greenfield came in July and has been a great help to our Librarian, for there has been a tremendous amount of reorganization going on with the books.

Among the many books given to the Library, we should like to point out one given by the author, Constance Leonard, and its title is "Steps to Nowhere."

The Basement rooms continue to be used for many programs, which have been mentioned, and for the meetings of several organizations such as the Improvement and Historical Society, 4-H Hill Riders, Conservation Commission, and the Water Company.

At the end of this year, we learned that we had lost yet another friend, Donald Born. Don was a Trustee in 1969 and 1970; and we shall remember him for his kindness, quiet knowledge, and great generosity to this Library.

The Library is fortunate in being situated in such a generous community — for we receive magnificent gifts of books and of money, and we receive magnificent gifts of time and energy! Our thanks to you all for your tremendous support. And very special thanks to that efficient and warm-hearted Librarian, Ingie Anderson!

PRISCILLA H. KUNHARDT  
CONSTANCE DODGE  
ELIZABETH P. WIEDERHOLD

# GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

## REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

### Circulation of Books and Magazines:

Fiction	3,056
Non-Fiction	1,774
Juvenile	5,814
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Total Books	10,644
Magazines	597
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	11,241

### Borrowed from Bookmobile (3 visits):

Fiction, Non-Fiction, Juvenile, Total	2,890
Requested from Concord State Library	196

### LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday	1 - 5 P.M.
Wednesday	10 - 5 P.M.
Thursday	1 - 5 P.M.
(Volunteer)	7 - 9 P.M.
Friday	10 - 5 P.M.
Saturday	2 - 4 P.M.

Open total of 22 hours.

Library Telephone 547-2730

Librarian 547-6897

### Donations of Books and Magazines:

Dr. Born, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Brien, Mrs. Broman, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Carney, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Dodge, Mr. Robert Duncan, Michael Fossel, Carl Freese, Mrs. Gilmore, Richard Katzenberg, Priscilla Kunhardt, Hildegard Leonard, Constance Leonard, Caroline Lord, Ethel MacAdam, Mary Jane Marsden, Dorothy McLeod, Mrs. Mustard, Mrs. Muzzey, Mr. & Mrs. Onasch, Mrs. Stacey, Eva Sturrow, John I. Taylor, Elizabeth Thompson, Mrs. Walter Thompson, Linda Towlen, Esther Whittemore, Mabel Wiederhold, the Louis Wiederhold family, Mrs. Harry Wiggin.



The Library subscribes to the following Magazines:

Americana (gift), American Girl, Antiques, Atlantic Monthly, Audubon of N.H. (gift), Audubon, Back Pack, Baseball Digest (gift), Baseball Register (gift), Booklist, Boy's Life, Consumer's Research, Country Journal, Cricket (gift), Curious Naturalist (gift), Down East, Early American Life (gift), American Artist (gift), Forest Notes, Good Housekeeping, Holiday, The Horn Book, Horse of Course, Horticulture, House and Garden, Ladies Home Journal, McCall's, National Geographic, National Wildlife, Natural History, N.H. Echoes, N.H. Profiles, Organic Gardening (gift), Plants Alive (gift), Popular Mechanics, Popular Science, Ranger Rick, Reader's Digest (gift), Reverence for Life (gift), School Arts, Seventeen, Spinning Wheel, Sports Illustrated, Tennis World (gift), Time, Vermont Life, Yankee. Newspapers: Peterborough Transcript, The Ledger, New York Times (gift), Wall St. Journal (gift), N.H. Times (gift).

Under the guidance of Betsey Wiederhold, the contents of the Children's Room were moved to downstairs, which has been redecorated in bright colors — carpeted, and, with movable book shelves, has now become the Children's Library. Movies for school children are shown there weekly.

Lois MacAdam came in with her volunteers to help with the tremendous job of moving books upstairs and downstairs, sorting, filing and refiling cards. We are well on our way with this project and we thank Lois and all who helped.

In July, Ann Geisel came as an assistant librarian to help with the reorganization of the Children's Library. We owe so many thanks to Betsey, who continues to help with the laborious task of sorting and mending of books.

When schools closed, we had a vacation program — "Stagecoach Adventurers in Reading." A beautiful map of Francetown was drawn up by Eleanor Kiblin, and with our now famous Francetown stagecoach — the children were launched on a very successful summer of reading and fun. Our thanks to Carol Prest, who was the stagecoach artist. There was also a weekly story hour for pre-schoolers and older children, as well as 2 movies weekly for all ages. So many people gave us their time in reading, showing movies,

and helping to organize our program, it all just had to be a success!

Early in March our library became a member of the Nubanusit Book Co-op, organized by Mrs. Kay Taylor, Librarian of the Peterborough Town Library. The Co-op is represented by a small group of Publishers and Book jobbers, whose services offer discounts of 33-40% on all purchases.

In November Mr. David Barr, co-ordinating Librarian at Crotched Mt. Rehabilitation Center, generously offered two hours of his time every Thursday evening to attend our library. After two months it was decided to terminate this plan until Spring, as too few residents made use of the facilities. We sincerely thank Mr. Barr for the services rendered.

I appreciate all the interest and help given to the library by the many volunteers, and I thank them all. I would also like to thank Esther Whittemore who worked when school children came for books, etc., Lois and her gals, and my faithful trustees, who come at my beck and call. I am so fortunate to have the capable services of Ann Geisel, who is a real gem!

Respectfully submitted,  
INGEBORG ANDERSON, Librarian

# **GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

<b>Town Account</b>	<b>1974 Budget</b>	<b>1974 Expend.</b>	<b>1975 Budget</b>
Bank Charges	\$ 10.00	\$ 4.81	\$ 10.00
Salary	2,002.00	2,002.00	2,402.40
Social Security	117.12	117.12	140.54
Clerical Assist.	50.00	0.00	450.00
Supplies, Petty Cash	200.00	423.66	600.00
Books	1,000.00	581.19	1,100.00
Magazines	90.00	90.00	125.00
New Equipment, Repairs	250.00	184.10	350.00
Fuel	400.00	686.14	800.00
Water, Lights	350.00	403.12	500.00
Grounds, Janitor	175.00	143.25	175.00
Cleaning	450.00	456.37	475.00
Records, AVM	0.00	0.00	100.00
Transportation	100.00	100.00	100.00
Telephone	135.00	137.36	150.00
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	\$5,329.12	\$5,329.12	\$7,477.94
*Wages due Librarian, 1974			187.00
Social Security			10.93
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			\$7,675.87

\*Minimum Wage, effective May 1, 1974, \$2.00 an hour.

Librarian's wages were budgeted at \$1.75 an hour for 1974, and Social Security, \$117.12.

<b>Receipts:</b>		
Balance on Hand, Jan. 1, 1974	\$ 0.00	
Town Appropriation	5,329.12	
	<hr/>	\$5,329.12
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
Budget	\$5,329.12	
Balance on Hand, Dec. 31, 1974	0.00	
	<hr/>	\$5,329.12

# GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

## Accounts for Special Purposes

### SPECIAL ACCOUNT

#### Receipts:

Balance on Hand, Jan. 1, 1974		\$1,494 77
Manning & Clark Fund Trust Inc.*	\$ 68 11	
Alison Bixby Hill Fund Trust Inc.*	86 20	
Fines	164 58	
Town Appropriation (Art. 6)	1,500 00	
Gifts	4,434 28	
Sale of Chairs	134 00	
Sale of Books	28 48	
Benefit Bridge-Tea	477 75	
State	100 00	
Other	20 22	
Total Receipts During Year	-----	7,013 62
Total		<u>\$8,508 39</u>

#### Expenditures:

Books	\$ 656 40	
Magazines	148 98	
Basement	6,547 90	
Assistant Librarian	707 90	
Social Security	41 42	
Miscellaneous	28 90	
Total Expenditures	-----	\$8,131 50
Balance on Hand, Dec. 31, 1974		<u>376 89</u>
Total		<u>\$8,508 39</u>

\*Trustees of Trust Funds custodians of Bank Books.  
Interest paid directly to Library.

Savings Bank Accounts:	
Peterborough Savings Bank No. 39794:	
Anne Schott Memorial Fund	
Balance, Dec. 31, 1974	\$1,080 73

Peterborough Savings Bank No. 45445:	
Library Development Account	
Balance, Sept. 10, 1974	\$487 65
Paid to Educational Installations,	
Inc. (for Basement)	487 65
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Account closed out	\$ 0 00

Peterborough Savings Bank No. 47384:	
Library Town History Account	
Paid to Educational Installations,	
Inc. (for Basement)	\$340 90
Balance, Dec. 31, 1974	\$835 00

# Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Francetown, N. H., on December 31, 1974

Date of Creation	Name and Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	PRINCIPAL			INCOME		
					Withdrawn	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Amount During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
1954	Co-Mingled Fund "A" Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	\$ 6,444.68			\$6,444.68	\$1,744.40	\$ 458.56	\$ 230.00	\$1,972.96
1950	Co-Mingled Fund "B" Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	3,609.28			3,609.28	1,436.75	314.99	210.00	1,591.74
1952	Levi Woodbury Fund, Educational	Savings Bank	1,128.00			1,128.00	253.36	90.05	33.19	310.22
1954	George F. Pettee Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	222.17			222.17	88.32	15.00	25.00	78.32
1954	Vose and Blake Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	493.44			493.44	163.22	32.95	20.00	176.17
1956	Minnie P. Newton Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	109.39			109.39	30.55	6.98	5.00	32.53
1956	N. and N. Pearson Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	220.91			220.91	67.46	14.39	10.00	71.85
1957	Abbott and Bryant Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	332.74			332.74	114.89	22.20	20.00	117.09
1957	Morrill-Gorman-Desrochers Cemetery	Savings Bank	548.41			548.41	195.92	34.56	100.00	129.78
1958	H. and A. Miller Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	110.26			110.26	29.32	6.78		29.10
1962	James T. Woodbury Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	164.75			164.75	45.31	10.57		50.88
1962	Forrest N. Nichols Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	109.70			109.70	23.92	6.84		30.76
1962	N. and T. Stewart Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	176.82	9.05		109.70	23.92	6.84		30.76
1963	Bertil Anderson Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	108.92			185.87				
1963	Walter Donnell Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	218.54			108.92	23.28	6.76		30.04
1964	Bertha D. Williams, Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	163.18			218.54	70.25	14.26	15.00	69.51
1966	William B. Rice, Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	108.44			163.18	36.89	10.23		47.12
1968	Abbie A. Dodge Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	8,890.18			108.44	22.15	6.68		28.83
1969	Everett D. Phillips, Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	100.00			8,890.18	924.10	624.46	1,125.00	423.56
1970	Archibald Cullens, Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	200.00			100.00	22.12	6.65		28.77
1974	The Lord Family, Cemetery Care	Savings Bank		1,500.00		200.00	32.45	12.67		45.12
1974	Charles and Marion Vose, Library	Savings Bank		25.00		300.00		5.11		5.11
1974	Eather Whittemore, Cemetery Care	Savings Bank				1,500.00		78.99		78.99
			\$23,569.51	\$1,834.05		\$25,403.56	\$5,390.88	\$1,786.52	\$1,798.19	\$5,379.21

\*Trust Fund established to have interest added to principal until instructed otherwise.

# CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1950	Town Buildings	Savings Bank	14 29		25.89	2.05		\$ 27.94
1955	Replacement Fire Trucks	Savings Bank	2,153.41		474.93	134.88		609.81
1960	Town Hall	Savings Bank	4,463 37	1,000.00	487.06	253.70		740.76
1960	Road Equipment	Savings Bank	633 39		217.00	44.00		261.00
1958	New Cemetery Sales	Savings Bank	1,092.34	150.00	342.66	73.41		416.07
1961	Civil Defense	Savings Bank	110 34		68.89	9.18		78.07
1965	Replacement Fire Dept. Radios	Savings Bank	624 76		219.82	27.35	247.17	
1973	Bixby Mill Pond Dam, Dam Repair	Savings Bank	4,413.78			127.48	127.48	
			\$13,505.68	\$1,150.00	\$1,836.25	\$672.05	\$374.65	\$2,133.65

George H. Bixby Library Fund	Library	Amoskeag Savings	1,025.00
Geogfre H. Bixby Library Fund	Library	Peterborough Co-Op Bank	1,500.00

\*Trustee of Trust Fund Custodian of Principal Only

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

F. RUSSELL ABBOTT  
CHARLES F. BRIEN  
CLIFTON F. FOOTE  
Trustees

## FRANCESTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

### 1974 Firewards' Report

#### Income:

Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1974	\$ 1 06
Reserves	201 92
Town Appropriation	2,610 00
Phone Booth Commission	46 30
Reimbursement of Bill	11 36
Insurance Reimbursement (Radio)	147 75
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Total	\$3,018 39

#### Expenditures:

Electricity	\$ 297 58
Fuel	676 49
Supplies	363 98
Hose, etc.	444 00
Truck Repairs	191 50
Gas & Oil	156 01
Radio Repairs	309 70
Water Holes — Labor	24 00
Telephone	150 04
Mutual Aid	285 34
Postage	19 20
Janitor Service	100 00
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Total	\$3,017 84

Balance on Hand Dec. 31, 1974	\$ 55
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# FRANCESTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

	1974 Proposed	1974 Expend.	1975 Proposed
Electricity	\$ 300.00	\$ 297.58	\$ 420.00
Fuel	450.00	676.49	700.00
Supplies	250.00	363.98	280.00
Hose, etc.	450.00	444.00	450.00
Truck Repairs	200.00	191.50	250.00
Gas & Oil	100.00	156.01	175.00
Heater Repairs	75.00	—	75.00
Radio Repairs	175.00	309.70	200.00
Water Holes — Labor	40.00	24.00	40.00
Telephone	150.00	150.04	175.00
Mutual Aid	275.00	285.34	300.00
Postage	25.00	19.20	25.00
Bank Charges	—	—	—
Janitor Service	100.00	100.00	100.00
Water Bill	20.00	—	40.00
Training	—	—	100.00
	<hr/> \$2,610.00	<hr/> \$3,017.84	<hr/> \$3,330.00

## *Forest Fire Warden*

All open burning when the ground is not covered with snow is controlled by the Town Forest Fire Warden in co-operation with the New Hampshire Forest Fire Service. Anyone wishing to kindle a fire out-of-doors when the ground is not covered with snow must have a written permit signed by the Town Forest Fire Warden. If the fire is to be kindled on land not owned by the person kindling the fire then he must have the permission of the landowner. No outdoor fires can be kindled between 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. unless it is raining, without the additional approval of the District Forest Fire Chief.

The 1974 forest fire season was one of the worst in the past two decades. Woodlands in central and southern New Hampshire became so dry in mid August that the Governor and Council, upon the recommendation of the State Forester, enacted a partial woodlands closure in Sullivan, Cheshire, Hillsborough, Merrimack and Belknap Counties and a complete woodlands closure in Strafford and Rockingham Counties plus the Towns of Barnstead, Gilmanton and Alton in Belknap County. Through the excellent cooperation of the citizens of our State no major forest fire occurred at any time during the year.

### **1974 Forest Fire Statistics**

	No. of Fires	No. of Acres
State	871	915
District	163	106
Town	2	$\frac{3}{4}$

WINTHROP H. HANNAFORD, District Fire Chief

RICHARD LEAVITT, Forest Fire Warden

## REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

Restoration work on the Bixby Pond Dam was completed this year, and the project has been approved by the State of New Hampshire Engineers. This is the property once owned by the Francestown Improvement and Historical Society and deeded to the Town in 1971.

Improving the basement rooms of the George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library was undertaken this year. Floor covering, gay furniture, much needed shelving for better display of books, provided a children's area which is being enjoyed immensely by the younger readers. Also included in the arrangement is an audio-visual center, a very vital addition to meet the needs of our school children. All of this work has made it possible to consolidate adult books and magazines on the first floor. A more detailed account is given in the report of the Library Trustees.

Additional work on the building was necessary to provide proper exits by changing the opening of exterior doors of the building, installing proper exit signs within the building, and a smoke alarm for the heater, to conform with regulations of the State Fire Marshal.

The work of erecting an outside fire escape to the second floor was postponed pending further checking of the brick work at the rear of the building. For this reason the four rooms on the second floor housing historical articles were not opened to the public this past summer. However the Curator is happy to announce that several new items have been given to the Society and hopefully the rooms will be re-opened soon.

As voted at last year's Town Meeting, twenty-eight acres of the William Lord property was purchased by the Town for a sum of \$2,000.00 for use as a permanent Town Forest under the supervision of the Conservation Commission. This land was offered to the town by the widow of William Lord (Carrie) who has long been interested in the Conservation Program. She was the Town's Librarian for many years and recently wrote a book of her experiences during her years in the Library.

The Francestown Academy, once housed on the second floor of the Town Hall, closed its doors in 1921. There is

still a Board of Trustees in existence which is in control of endowment funds earning a yearly income to be used as a financial aid fund for Francestown school children. A change in dispersing these funds was voted this year by the Board. Students now eligible for such funds must have completed one year and enrolled in the second year of college or any higher education. Any Francestown student who is eligible should apply for this aid not later than October 1st of each year to Mrs. Nellie Abbott, Clerk of the Francestown Academy Corporation.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Volunteer Fire Department has now been in existence three years and is proving its usefulness. The members think of themselves as the "Arm" of our Volunteer Fire Department, rendering assistance in times of fire or other disasters. They have all received first aid training, are knowledgeable in manning the radio in the Fire House, and in answering the call to duty when ambulance service has been called, by reporting to the fire station to aid in any way needed. They also find time to furnish hot coffee and sandwiches at times of disaster.

Though not strictly historical, but noteworthy from the point of view of recreational and club activities, it is interesting to note that there are those who care to help to organize a Cub Scout unit and revitalize interest in a Boy Scout Troop. Interest in a regulation 4-H group resulted in its organization with continuing interest of the 4-H "Hill Riders" for those interested in horses only. There is a Francestown Hockey Association as well as the "regulars" such as Little Leaguers and Tennis Tournaments. Also this past winter there were several groups of "Sharing" craft activities in progress at the Library.

The Improvement and Historical Society sponsored its 58th Labor Day Carnival this year. Even though the events started during a heavy morning downpour that stopped in time for the big parade, the results were most successful, increasing the financial resources of the organization by \$3,000. At its Fall meeting the Society was generous in giving financial assistance to the support of the Boy Scouts, the Francestown Hockey Association, the Conservation Camp Program, the George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library and the Community Christmas Party. It also sponsored square

dance lessons for the young children and aided in the general care and upkeep of the Town Tennis Court, the Little League Baseball Field and the Town's Horse Sheds and Beach. It now has a membership of 80. Any Frances-town property owner is eligible for membership.

The Selectmen made the following appointments during 1974: Charles Brien as Director of Civil Defense; Philip W. Ireland re-appointed to the Planning Board for five years; Robert Cloutier replaced Dr. George A. Bourgeois on the Planning Board; Mrs. Constance Bicknell was appointed Chairman of the Commission on Recycling; and Clifton Foote was re-appointed to the Board of Adjustment. Mrs. Nellie Abbott replaced William Lord (deceased) as Supervisor of the Check List, and Mrs. Doris Bassett replaced Mrs. Eula Hardwick (deceased) as Supervisor of the Check List. Ashley Prest was appointed to the Conservation Commission; Donald Pettee to the Board of Adjustment, replacing James Crawford who moved away; and John Thomas was appointed Acting Police Chief.

Additional improvements were made to the Poor Farm Road, and a portion of the Pleasant Pond Road, which was rebuilt, was surfaced with black top.

The Recycling Commission comprising Mrs. Connie Bicknell, Chairman; Mrs. Lucille Paige, and Mr. James Gibbons, planned and presented a Variety Show in May with all local talent and raised money to support a recycling program in our Town. There was standing room only to watch an all male chorus line, dancers, singers, and instrumentalists, netting a goodly sum from donations given at the door, which made it possible to build and erect a new collection center on the old site at the Town Dump, the original buildings having been destroyed by fire.

As a result of a well planned recycling program more than 12 tons of collected glass was trucked to Dayville, Connecticut; 70 barrels (approximately 3 tons) of washed and squashed cans were delivered to Continental Can Co. in Malden, Mass.; over a ton of rags was salvaged and cleaned; and several truck loads of good, usable household articles, furniture, and clothes were delivered to Project Help in Milford, N. H.

Response to a call for old newspapers has resulted in

more than a half ton collected weekly — the money received from the sale going toward the purchase of a jungle gym for the school yard.

The resignation in November of Police Chief Robert Stack was accepted with regret. The new Acting Chief appointed by the Selectmen is John Thomas, once a State Trooper in Massachusetts with a great deal of police experience. Three additional men have been added to the police force, and the Town is now tied in with the communications network called the Hillsborough County Communications Center, based at the Goffstown police headquarters, to aid the Francestown police at any time should its assistance be requested.

As voted at the 1974 Town Meeting, a police cruiser completely equipped was purchased, the cost being shared by funds from the State of New Hampshire.

During the year 34 building permits were issued:

- 25 for additions
- 2 for year round residence
- 7 miscellaneous

The State Department of Resources and Economic Development reports the 1974 estimated population of Francestown as 729 legal residents.

The voters check list as of December 31, 1974 showed 450 qualified voters.

To the best of my knowledge the following Francestown men were serving in the United States Military Service during 1974:

- Pvt. Scott Dutton (discharged April 1974)
- Captain Robert C. Lord
- PFC David Paige (deceased January 1974)
- Captain Herbert R. Vadney

Respectfully submitted,  
CONSTANCE DODGE, Town Historian

## REPORT OF FRANCESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The recycling program which we sponsored had a set-back in January when the sheds were burned to the ground. At the Town Meeting it was voted to appoint a Town Recycling Commission, and so we should like to thank Connie Bicknell again for all she has done for recycling from the very beginning. What a tremendous job!

The Roadside clean-up took place on April 27th. It was very successful, and we thank all the children and adults who helped so much.

The soil survey along the corridor of the Piscataquog River was finished in June 1973; and the interpretive maps and reports were officially turned over to the Commission and the Town on April 9th at the public meeting at the Firehouse. Mr. Edward Hutchinson and Mr. Richard Bond of the Soil Conservation Service, Milford, made the presentation with an explanatory talk and slides. The maps have been dry-mounted and are in the Library, as are the Reports which may be circulated.

The field work for the soil survey of the remainder of the Town was done during the past Summer, the maps and reports will be completed in 1975. We had applied for a second grant from the Ford Foundation for matching funds, but unfortunately it could not furnish them, so the Commission is raising the total amount of approximately \$4,000.

Fund-raising projects have been a series of eight Square Dances with Dudley Laufman, and the preparation of a Francestown Telephone Directory. We plan another series of dances for 1975, and the publication of the Directory. We would like to thank Carol Prest and Zoe Richardson for their constant help at the dances, and Lois MacAdam and Jeanne Prince for their zeal in helping us sell listings in the "yellow pages" of the Directory. While the book will have all the local names, numbers and addresses, the advertisements are not only local, but from surrounding towns as well.

The Commission looked into securing BOR funds for the purchase of about 28 acres of land of the William Lord property, offered by Mrs. Lord at extremely low cost to the Town,

to be used as a Town Forest under the supervision of the Commission. It was voted at Town Meeting to purchase the land outright. With the advice of Mr. Robert Breck, County Forester, and under the direction of Frank Mace, two acres have been enrolled in a USDA program whereby trees are weeded and pruned. The funds received for this are paid to the Boy Scouts who are doing the work with their Scoutmaster, Harlow Richardson. A sign for the Forest has been designed by Ashley Prest.

A Commission Newsletter was made available to all, before Town Meeting, describing our activities and explaining about the proposed Forest.

As part of involving youth in conservation, we are sponsoring the Francestown Cub Scouts.

The Commission was represented at the S. W. Regional Recycling Fair at Keene, October 19-20. Many of the Francestown school children won awards for their posters and essays which were on exhibit there.

Conservation Commission displays were set up at the Citizen's Workshop on Guiding Growth, sponsored by SPNHF at Con Val, March 30th; and at the 3rd Annual Conservation Show at the Nashua Mall, April 25th.

Commission members attended the Annual Meeting of the Association of the N.H. Conservation Commission at Keene, November 2nd, taking part in some of the workshops. Members also attended the Land-Use meeting in Peterborough, November 13th, one of several held throughout the State by the Legislative Land-Use Study Committee. Other meetings and programs have been attended in the hope of further educating ourselves about the problems which confront us all.

At the Library there are many books and pamphlets pertinent to Francestown, as a copy of the Zoning Regulations; and to Conservation in general, as Guiding Growth, a recent SPNHF publication.

PRISCILLA KUNHARDT, Chairman

LIESEL GILMAN, Secretary

PATRICIA PLACE, Treasurer

JAMES O'MAHONEY

R. FRANKLIN MACE

DONOUGH PRINCE

ASHLEY PREST



## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board met regularly twice a month during the course of this past year, approving a total of eight new subdivisions in town. Two public hearings were also held prior to final approval of improvements on Poor Farm Road, legally designated a Scenic Road.

New Subdivision Regulations designed to close loopholes in the previous Regulations were approved by the Board on January 4, 1974. The Board also recommended to the town six amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, most particularly pertaining to the requirements for hotels, motels, inns, and condominiums. Following the required public hearings, the proposed amendments were accepted by vote of the town in March.

The Board considered the urgings of some townspeople to recommend further refinements in the present Zoning Ordinance to the Annual Town Meeting in 1975. The Board, however, met on January 3, 1975, with the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission to consider ways of gathering together needed information about the town's anticipated future growth so that appropriate planning can be done by the town's elected and appointed officials, and so that townspeople may better understand the problems Francetown may face in future years. To help accomplish this purpose, it is expected that a questionnaire will be sent out to townspeople sometime this year to determine their hopes and expectations for Francetown.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip W. Ireland, *Chairman*  
John R. Schott, *Secretary*  
Royal S. Cleaves  
Robert H. Cloutier  
Ernest R. Poor  
Blake Tewksbury  
R. Franklin Mace, *Ex Officio*

## ROAD AGENTS'S REPORT

To the People of Francetown:

To let you know a few things we did in 1974 along with our regular maintenance.

Cold patch hasn't gone down any, as with any other road material, and I don't expect any of it to go down this year.

We spent about \$2,000.00 on patching last year. We sealed around 3 miles of tar road, slightly below 1973, reason is we had to cut back in a few places.

We spent \$1,400.00 on the Denison Pd. Rd. again this year for gravel. \$1,800.00 on County Rd. north and \$1,200 on Campbell Hill Rd. that was opened this year. It's not an all out good job, but we had to fix it at least a little so we could plow it.

We put in quite a few culverts around town this year and more are needed.

T.R.A. went on Pleasant Pd. Rd. last year and most of the money was spent on tar.

Duncan Fund was spent on Poor Farm Rd. We hope one more year will finish this Rd.

We would like to take this time to thank the people of Francetown and the Selectmen for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,  
ROBERT M. FOOTE

## REPORT OF WASTE DISPOSAL STUDY COMMITTEE

Francestown, N. H.  
January 23, 1975

Office of the Selectmen  
Town Hall  
Francestown, N. H.  
Dear Sirs:

Now that the Town has contracted with Bennington to participate in their landfill site this committee has re-examined the methods by which this town can remove its refuse to Bennington in a compacted state by an authorized carrier.

This committee's original recommendation of a central site with a leased compactor has been reconsidered in light of more recent cost estimates. Included and made part of this report is the latest proposal from Community Sanitation Service of Peterborough; they propose to lease a 42 yard compactor and empty it whenever required, presumably every 7-10 days, since it would compact approximately 160 yds. of loose trash.

The above proposal along with other related costs would amount to approximately \$8,500 yrly., not including this town's share of the maintenance expense for the Bennington Landfill site.

Lease of compactor	\$7,500.00
Minimum electric charge based on P.S. Co. extending lines to site	650.00
Maintenance of site, keeping area clean, etc.	350.00

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Total yearly recurring expenses	\$8,500.00
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The leasing of a compactor would also necessitate the initial expenditure of \$1,000 for the building of a concrete slab, 10'x40'x8" thick.

Community Sanitation Service also estimated, although not in the form of a proposal, that if the town were to underwrite the cost of a house to house pick-up their charge would be in the \$15,000 to \$20,000 range.

Also included and made part of this report is a proposal

from W. L. Bourassa, a Keene rubbish contractor, that we rent 5 ten yd. containers at \$5.00 weekly, each, which they would empty twice weekly for \$12.00 each (\$6.00 ea. per empty), chemically wash them and remove the trash, compacted in their truck, to the Bennington Landfill. It has been estimated that this town produces approximately 100 loose cubic yards of refuse weekly. The above proposal does not take into account the extra waste produced during the summer months when our population increases; it would be necessary to adjust the number of containers rented during that period. If we were to assume that, at most, the population doubled during those weeks, the yearly cost of this program (not including this town's share of maintenance expenses at the Bennington Landfill) would be approximately \$5,800.00.

Rent, 5 containers at \$5.00 wkly.	\$1,300.00
Removal, 5 containers at \$12.00 wkly.	3,120.00
Rent, 5 extra containers during 12 summer weeks at \$5.00 ea. weekly	300.00
Removal, 5 extra containers during 12 summer weeks at \$12.00 ea. weekly	720.00
Maintenance, keeping area clean, etc.	350.00

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Estimated yearly expense	\$5,790.00
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The committee is recommending that the Town adopt the above method of trash removal, i.e., rent an adequate number of containers, currently estimated at five, and that the selectmen effect the most efficient and least costly arrangement with the Keene contractor or anyone willing to bid the same amount or lower. We feel that the lower yearly cost, about \$3,000 less than a compactor, and not having to spend funds for concrete slabs and bring electricity to the site are strong reasons for recommending the above plan. Moreover, utilization of the present dump site for this purpose, without great amounts spent on capital improvements, leaves the door open to future options if this method should not prove satisfactory.

The following are recommendations made necessary if this plan, or any plan involving a collection area, is adopted:

- (1) That commercial establishments. apartment com-

plexes and similar producers of large amounts of trash be instructed to make private arrangements to deliver their refuse, compacted, to the landfill site and that the selectmen authorize those carriers in accordance with the provisions of our contract with Bennington.

(2) That certain areas at our present dump site be set aside for the depositing of tree stumps, appliances or any items that could not reasonably be put into a container or compactor. That arrangements be made for the periodic removal of these items with salvage firms or interests.

(3) That provisions for recyclable materials be maintained, thus minimizing removal expenses for the Town.

(4) That the dump be properly covered with suitable fill and that provision be made for exterminating rats or pests.

We are submitting, herewith, suggested articles, for inclusion in the town warrant, which we feel are appropriate if these recommendations are adopted.

Respectfully submitted,  
LEIGHTON BICKNELL  
CHARLES BRIEN  
ROBERT H. CLOUTIER

### **Suggested Articles for Town Warrant**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,400.00 (Five Thousand Four Hundred Dollars) for removal of trash to the Bennington Landfill Site. Said amount to defray the cost of:

A. Rental of suitable number of ten yard containers to be placed at the present Town dump site.

B. Emptying and chemically washing containers on regular weekly or twice weekly schedule.

C. Removal and compacting of trash including delivery to the Bennington Landfill Site.

or take any other action relating thereto.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$400.00 (Four Hundred Dollars) to defray expenses for maintenance of the present Town Dump site and trash collection area, or take any other action relating thereto.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars) to defray cost of exter-

minating rodents and pests and to provide suitable fill cover at the Town dump, or take any other action relating thereto.  
\*NOTE — We are not suggesting an article for the warrant which would provide funds for Francestown's share of the maintenance at the Bennington facility; we presume that will be provided for elsewhere in the Town budget.

## COMMUNITY SANITATION SERVICE

Box 71

PETERBOROUGH, N. H. 03458

January 6, 1975

Board of Selectmen

Town of Francestown

Francestown, New Hampshire 03043

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find our quotation for the Town of Francestown.

I am hopeful that this plan meets with your approval and we can solidify it as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Regards,

James P. Farrell, Jr., Owner  
Community Sanitation Service

Enclosures

HP-20 Stationary Compactor

Rated Size — cubic yards — 2

NSWMA rated size — cubic Yards — 1.71

Clear top opening length and width — 42"x57.75"

Chamber length — 47.5"

Ram Stroke — 71"

Ram Penetration — 23.5"

Normal Packing force — 20.8/35,000

Maximum Packing force — 24.5/41,200

Normal P.S.I. operating pressure — 1800

Ram Dimensions — 60"x28"

Volume displacement per hour in cubic yards — 181

Motor size in horsepower — 10

Cycle time in seconds — 34

Discharge opening — width — height & ground height

Base unit weight — 4,600 lbs.

Totally enclosed packer structure  
Remote power unit wired with 220 volt - 3 phase  
Main control panel on power unit  
Remote control console with key lock  
Container guide angles  
J.I.C. standard all hydraulic components  
Electrical components conform to NEMA standards  
NOTE: Specification for installation requirements/

HP-2040 Container for use with Compactor  
20' length  
40 cubic yard capacity  
Enclosed container  
Heavy Duty hinges  
Vertical bracing  
Positive action receiver assembly  
Large diameter rollers  
Three point over cam lock  
Turnbuckle pinning points  
8 gauge steel construction flooring  
Painted one color

### **Installation Requirements**

Electric service to packer main control panel . . .  
220V or 440V, 3 phase  
Concrete pad, 10' wide by 40' long for the station-  
ary compactor and container  
Anchor bolts . . . 7/8"  
Weatherproof power unit furnished with 20' lg.  
hydraulic hoses for remote installation

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Cost for this service to the Town of Francestown will be  
\$7,500.00 per year. This includes:

- A. Stationary Compactor
- B. 40/40 enclosed container
- C. Emptied once a week or as needed
- D. Complete Maintenance
- E. Enclosed hopper for transfer-station safety  
limit switchdoor

Delivery 60-120 Days

F.O.B. Francestown, New Hampshire

W. L. Bourassa Rubbish Removal  
DIVISION OF BROWNING-FERRIS INDUSTRIES, INC.  
Waste Systems Division

P.O. Box 165, Base Hill Rd., Keene, N. H. 03431

January 21, 1975

Mr. Robert Cloutier  
Old Country Rd.  
Francestown, N. H. 03043

Dear Sir:

In response to your inquiry for rubbish collection and transfer, we suggest five 10-yard containers dumped twice a week, year round. It would be your option to add whatever containers you feel necessary for the summer months.

The rental cost of a 10-yard container is \$5.00 per week per unit. The dumping charge is \$6.00 per dump.

We will maintain containers — they will be repaired and painted as need be. Containers are chemically washed each time they are dumped.

Yours truly,  
W. L. Bourassa



# **Marriages Registered in the Town of Francestown for the Year Ending December 31, 1974**

<i>Date and Place of Marriage</i>	<i>Name and Surname of Groom and Bride</i>	<i>Residence of each</i>	<i>Place of Birth</i>	<i>Name of Parents</i>	<i>Birthplace of Parents</i>	<i>Name and Residence of Person By Whom Married</i>
Jan. 26 Francestown	Walter Vernon Thompson	Francestown	New Hampshire	Walter N. Thompson Elmira Hartman	New Jersey	Harold E. Hammond Justice of the Peace Francestown
	Babbette Ann Russell	Francestown	Massachusetts	Raymond J. Fales Mildred Smith	Massachusetts	
Mar. 2 Francestown	Elmer Willard Grauel	Tulsa, Ok.	Iowa	Charles W. Grauel Luella Woodworth	Iowa	Rev. Richard E. Weir Pastor Greenfield
	Carol Lynn Irby	Tulsa, Ok.	Oklahoma	Loretto H. Burke William R. Webb	Missouri	
Mar. 18 New Boston	Warren Lee Howarth	Francestown	Connecticut	Benjamin W. Howarth Dorothy Carter	Connecticut	Rev. William Mitchell Pastor New Boston
	Emily Caroline Chancy	New Boston	New Hampshire	Frederick I. Chancy Ruth Erskine	New Hampshire	
Mar. 20 Weare	Clayton Orson Philbrick III	Francestown	New Hampshire	Clayton O. Philbrick, Jr. Lucy Clark	Massachusetts	Joseph A. Lancelot Justice of the Peace Weare
	Dorothy Norma Perkins	Coffstown	Maine	Edgar M. Perkins Lenore Carlowe	Maine	
June 1 Francestown	Richard Oliver Miller	Francestown	New Hampshire	Richard W. Miller Bernice E. St. John	New Hampshire	Edward C. Dahl Minister Peterborough
	Judith Ann Heckbert	Peterborough	New Hampshire	Paul I. Heckbert Loris Krennagen	Massachusetts	
Apr. 29 Bennington	Charles Irven Philbrick	Francestown	Massachusetts	Clayton O. Philbrick, Jr. Lucy Clark	New Hampshire	Richard O. Delay Justice of the Peace Bennington
	Madeline Linda Houston	Francestown	New Hampshire	Edward N. Houston Carolyn M. Wight	New Hampshire	
Aug. 6 Brookline	Clyde Edgar Cilley	Francestown	New Hampshire	Carol E. Cilley Mary D. Bailey	New Hampshire	William H. Quigley Justice of the Peace Brookline
	Dorothy Irene Patten	Francestown	Massachusetts	Winfred C. Creighton Beatrice S. Wheeler	New Hampshire	
Sept. 28 Francestown	Dean Arthur Griggs	Derby, Vt.	Vermont	Roy Griggs Emma Robbins	Vermont	Milton F. Scradeggt Special License Wayne, Pa.
	Delia Dora Jacques	St. Johnsbury, Vt.	Vermont	Velmore Verge Nora Corrow	Canada	
Oct. 5 Francestown	Charles Kimball Eaton	San Diego, Ca.	New Hampshire	Tracy A. Eaton Anna Woodbridge	Vermont	T. Archibald Eaton Justice of the Peace Greenville
	Dana Cristman	San Diego, Ca.	Connecticut	Clyde F. Cristman Kathryn Burditt	Massachusetts	
	Oscar Cowan Sweet	Francestown	Connecticut	Anthony Sweet Elsie Cowan	Massachusetts	Henry H. Franklin Justice of the Peace Peterborough
Dec. 14 Peterborough	Diane Heidt	Francestown	New Jersey	Ernest Rocco Helen Fasarella	Connecticut	

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HERMAN C. MILLER, Town Clerk

# **Births Registered in the Town of Fracestownt for the Year Ending December 31, 1974**

<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Place of Birth</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Name of Father</i>	<i>Maiden Name of Mother</i>	<i>Residence of Parents</i>
Jan. 21	Peterborough	Michael Bixby Curran	Jack Curran	Nancy Marie Jurac	Fracestownt
Apr. 14	Peterborough	Jerry Steven Cilley	George Carl Cilley	Betty Jane Martin	Fracestownt
July 9	Peterborough	Lori Jean Hardwick	Carl Henry Hardwick	Dorothy Ann Hoty	Fracestownt
Aug. 22	Peterborough	Shannon Lee Doucette	Bernard Albert Doucette, Jr.	Susan Mary Moore	Fracestownt
Dec. 3	Peterborough	Megan Crista Hansen	William Frederick Hansen	Margaret Ruth Baptist	Fracestownt

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
 HERMAN C. MILLER, Town Clerk

# **Deaths Registered in the Town of Fracestownt for the Year Ending December 31, 1974**

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>	<i>Name and Surname of the Deceased</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Place of Birth</i>	<i>Name of Father</i>	<i>Maiden Name of Mother</i>
Jan. 21	Peterborough	Michael Bixby Curran	0	New Hampshire	Jack Curran	Nancy Jurac
June 3	Fracestownt	Jerry Steven Cilley 1 mo.	19 da.	New Hampshire	George Carl Cilley	Betty Jane Martin
May 9	Peterborough	Charlene Mitchell Bailly	71	Illinois	Samuel Hardy Mitchell	Charlene McRae
June 3	Peterborough	Margaret Ruth McKinlay	92	Minnesota	David McKinlay	Margaret
June 24	Peterborough	Rachel Esther Smith	59	New Hampshire	Isaac Verrety	Ethel Maude Bryant
June 25	Peterborough	Dorothy Clapp Freese	73	Connecticut	Roger Otis Clapp	Nancy Mesmer
June 25	Concord	Agnes Viola Woodward	60	New Hampshire	Harry Ernest Whittemore	Ethel E. Graham
July 30	Peterborough	Ruth Caroline Whittemore	72	Massachusetts	Charles P. Bryant	Clara Paige
Sept. 30	Peterborough	Annie V. Bryant	81	New Hampshire	Carl Dana Abbott	Pearl H. Bryant
Dec. 3	Peterborough	Eula (Abbott) Hardwick	61	New Hampshire	John Frank Langmaid	Caroline Louisa Ives
Dec. 9	Peterborough	Bradshaw Langmaid	84	Massachusetts	George Born	Ann C. Robertson
Dec. 18	Peterborough	George Donald Born	75	New York		

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
 HERMAN C. MILLER, Town Clerk



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